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# Alleged meetings roil group

Six step aside, accusing others of plotting with City Hall over ways to govern police department

By Ted Glanzer  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Six of the 14 members of Hartford’s Charter Revision Commission have stepped aside, but not fully resigned, follow-

ing allegations of side meetings between other members of the commission and City Hall officials to prevent certain measures from being adopted.  
Ken Kennedy, Kamora Herrington, Vicki Gallon-Clark,

Melvin Medina, Bruce Rubenstein and Eon Smith stepped aside en masse following a meeting in April during which a proposal was rejected to form a board of police commissioners composed of elected residents, to govern the city’s Police Department.  
Kennedy said following that meeting a member of the charter review commission said side meet-

ings had taken place between Mayor Luke Bronin’s office and some other commissioners because they wanted few substantive changes made to the charter.  
“The night they voted against the idea of a commission is when I left,” Kennedy said. “I thought they were being dishonest ... One of the commissioners called me and said they planned this.”

The charter revision commission is formed, by law, every 10 years to study and propose changes to what’s effectively the city’s constitution.  
The mayor, city council president and city council majority leader each appoint two commissioners, with the remaining council members each appointing one

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## ‘Inevitable.’

FOUR YEARS AFTER THE CENTURY-OLD GREENBACKER’S BROOKFIELD FARM SOLD OFF HUNDREDS OF COWS, IT’S NOW ON THE MARKET FOR NEARLY \$5M

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

DURHAM — Four years ago, Greenbacker’s Brookfield Farm sold off its herd of hundreds of cows as milk prices dropped and dairy subsidies dwindled, and now, the 415-acre farm in Durham is going down the same road: it is up for sale.  
“It was an inevitable decision once we made the decision to sell the cows, looking back on it,” Joe Greenbacker, the oldest of four siblings who own the farm, said. “To me — at least so far, the sale hasn’t happened yet — but to me, the sale of the cows was more emotional than, I think, this is going to be. It’s one thing to sell the land, but another thing to sell the animals that you’ve worked with day in and day out.”  
The farm, owned by the Greenbackers since the early 1980s, was listed this week at nearly \$5 million. The property includes seven houses and multiple barns, plus cattle and equestrian facilities. The farm, flanked by Route 68, is framed by rolling hills, mature woodlands, a pond and, in the evening, stellar sunsets.  
“It’s a suburban farm, this is not Kansas, it runs along Route 68, so the location is legendary, actually,” said Ann Harrison, a real estate agent who has co-listed the property with Allison Gentile-Pollack at William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty in Guilford.

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Above: Joe, left, and David Greenbacker watch as most of their dairy cows are auctioned off in 2018 at Greenbacker’s Brookfield Farm. COURANT FILE PHOTO  
Top: An aerial view shows the expansive Greenbacker’s Brookfield Farm in Durham, which came on the market this week with a list price of nearly \$5 million. COURTESY

“There wasn’t much of the younger generation in place to take over the operation. Basically, we’re just getting older. It’s harder and harder to keep up with everything.”

— Joe Greenbacker, the oldest of four siblings who own the farm

‘FITBIT MURDER’ TRIAL

## Dabate denies role in death

At trial, prosecution questions him about variations in story

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

Richard Dabate, on trial on charges of killing his wife Connie Dabate just before Christmas in 2015 and lying to police about a home invasion, took the stand in Rockville Superior Court on Thursday as his defense team’s first witness.  
Prompting repeated objections from Richard Dabate’s lawyer, many motions for a mistrial and a few “last warnings” from the judge, a prosecutor on Thursday peppered the accused killer with questions about the crime scene investigators say he staged in his home after murdering his wife.  
Dabate, who is free on a \$1 million bond, maintained his innocence on the stand as State’s Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky tried to poke holes in his story, pointed out multiple discrepancies between his statements to police and his testimony that very morning and interrogated him about lies he’d told to his lover, his wife and his friends about his extramarital affair before the murder.  
During his cross examination of Dabate, Gedansky asked him point blank whether he shot his wife and staged a crime scene, accusing him of smearing blood on the wall of their staircase, planting his “stolen” wallet in the yard and waiting for police to arrive and find him tied to a lightweight metal folding chair.  
Rousing gasps from the gallery and an objection from Dabate’s lawyer, Gedansky asked him whether he was trying to “create a little mini Cheshire scene” in his home by setting fire to a stack of papers in the basement where his wife was shot, referring to the infamous Cheshire home invasion in 2007 in which three members of the Petit family were killed and their home set ablaze.  
Investigators allege that Dabate lied about a masked, large, camouflage-wearing intruder breaking in, shooting his wife, tying him to the chair with zip ties taken from his tool bag, robbing him and stabbing him.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

## Desperate battle rages at Mariupol holdout



Smoke rises in Mariupol, Ukraine, on Wednesday. AP

By Jon Gambrell and Cara Anna  
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian fighters in the tunnels underneath Mariupol’s pulverized steel plant held out against Russian troops Thursday in an increasingly desperate and perhaps doomed effort to deny Moscow what would be its biggest success of the war yet: the full capture of the strategic port city.  
The bloody battle came amid

growing speculation that President Vladimir Putin wants to present the Russian people with a battlefield triumph — or announce an escalation of the war — in time for Victory Day on Monday. That is the biggest patriotic holiday on the Russian calendar, marking the Soviet Union’s triumph over Nazi Germany.  
Some 2,000 Ukrainian fighters, by Russia’s most recent estimate, were holed up at Mariupol’s sprawling Azovstal steelworks, the last pocket of resistance in

a city largely reduced to rubble over the past two months. A few hundred civilians were also believed trapped there.  
Kateryna Prokopenko, the wife of Azov Regiment commander Denys Prokopenko, a leader of the steel plant’s defenders, said that in a call with her husband from inside, he told her he would love her forever.  
“I am going mad from this. It seemed like words of goodbye,”

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### It’s back to normal for graduation ceremonies

After two years of COVID-19 pandemic-fueled changes, graduation ceremonies will look a bit more normal at universities across Connecticut this month. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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she said.

Capt. Sviatoslav Palamar, deputy commander of the regiment, told Ukrainian TV that Russian troops were inside the plant for a third day and were meeting fierce resistance. “Heavy fighting is underway,” he said.

The Russians managed to get inside with the help of an electrician who knew the layout, said Anton Gerashchenko, an adviser to Ukraine’s Internal Affairs Ministry.

“He showed them the underground tunnels which are leading to the factory,” Gerashchenko said in a video posted late Wednesday. “Yesterday, the Russians started storming these tunnels, using the information they received from the betrayer.”

The Kremlin denied its troops were storming the plant.

The fall of Mariupol would deprive Ukraine of a vital port, allow Russia to estab-

lish a land corridor to the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014, and free up troops to fight elsewhere in the Donbas, the eastern industrial region that the Kremlin says is now its chief objective.

Palamar pleaded for the evacuation of civilians and wounded fighters from the steel-works, saying soldiers were “dying in agony due to the lack of proper treatment.”

The Kremlin has demanded the troops surrender. They have refused. Russia has also accused them of preventing the civilians from leaving.

The defenders will “stand till the end. They only hope for a miracle. ... They won’t surrender,” the Azov commander’s wife said.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday that a third evacuation is taking place and U.N. humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths said its aim is to evacuate more civilians from Mariupol and the steel plant.

Guterres said 101 civilians were evacuated from the plant along with 59 more from a

neighboring area in the first operation that ended Tuesday. He said that in the second operation, which was completed Wednesday night, more than 320 civilians were evacuated from the city of Mariupol and surrounding areas.

But many previous attempts to open safe corridors from Mariupol have fallen through, with Ukraine blaming shelling and firing by the Russians.

Meanwhile, 10 weeks into the war, Ukraine’s military claimed it recaptured some areas in the south and repelled other attacks in the east, further frustrating Putin’s ambitions after his abortive attempt to seize Kyiv.

Ukrainian and Russian forces are fighting village by village.

The head of Britain’s armed forces, Chief of the Defense Staff Adm. Tony Radakin, said Putin is “trying to rush to a tactical victory” before Victory Day. But he said Russian forces are struggling to gain momentum in the Donbas. Radakin told British broadcaster Talk TV that Russia is using missiles and

weapons at such a rate that it is in a “logistics war” to keep supplied.

He added: “This is going to be a hard slog.”

Fearful of new attacks surrounding Victory Day, the mayor of the western Ukrainian city of Ivano-Frankivsk urged residents to leave for the countryside over the long weekend and warned them not to gather in public places.

In other developments, Belarus’ authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko, defended Russia’s invasion of Ukraine but said he didn’t expect the conflict to “drag on this way.”

Lukashenko, whose country was used by the Russians as a launch pad for the invasion, said Moscow had to act because Kyiv was “provoking” Russia.

But he also created some distance between himself and the Kremlin, repeatedly calling for an end to the conflict and referring to it as a “war” — a term Moscow refuses to use. It insists on calling the fighting a “special military operation.”

Trial

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Last week, prosecutors called a witness to the stand who testified about the accuracy of a Fitbit Connie Dabate was wearing on her hip when she was killed that showed her moving after the attacker allegedly killed her, a key piece of evidence in the case investigators built against Dabate that has been dubbed the “Fitbit murder.”

In earlier weeks of the trial, the jury heard recordings from Dabate’s interviews with police after Connie Dabate’s death and heard from family members of Connie Dabate who recounted the story Richard Dabate told them about the home invasion on Christmas Eve.

Dabate said that he came home to find an intruder wearing a face mask and a hunting-style camouflage suit with a “voice like Vin Diesel” rummaging through the couple’s closet.

Gedansky referred to the alleged intruder as Vin Diesel throughout his entire line of questioning Thursday, asking questions like “Your testimony isn’t that Vin Diesel left by helicopter, is it?”

Police found Richard Dabate lying in the kitchen of his home on Dec. 23, 2015 with a metal folding chair tied to his back at his right wrist. Dabate testified during questioning from his own attorney, Trent LaLima, Thursday morning that the intruder tied the chair to his left wrist after killing his wife. In later questioning, after the prosecutor pointed out that crime scene photos show the chair tied to his right wrist, Dabate said he had been mistaken. He said he was tied at his right wrist and tried to wrestle off the intruder with his left hand.

He also said that he, in a disoriented state, made his way upstairs from the basement into

the kitchen and laid on the ground under the chair, suffering from injuries while his ears were ringing from the single gunshot wound he heard in close range. Three bullets were fired in the basement that morning, investigators said. Connie Dabate was shot twice, including a fatal blow to the back of her head.

Gedansky asked Dabate why he didn’t lift himself up off the ground before police arrived. The chair on him, Gedansky said, weighed nine pounds. He asked why he didn’t use multiple sharp objects in that kitchen like a butcher block, knives and scissors to set himself free.

“You never set yourself free in the kitchen did you? Because that was the way you wanted to be found?” he asked.

Dabate was also asked about his affair with Sara Ganzer, who gave birth to his daughter in 2016.

Dabate said repeatedly Thursday that he was traumatized, stressed and injured the day his wife died. His father later took the stand as the defense’s second witness and said that the day of the murders, his son seemed “run down” and exhausted.

Gedansky’s cross examination prompted the judge to dismiss the jury a few times as attorneys argued about his lines of questioning. The prosecution tried to call Dabate’s honesty and trustworthiness into question by bringing up his near-draining of the estate account, his changing of the estate holder and alleged discrepancies in reimbursement requests he filed with his employer. LaLima objected and the two attorneys went back and forth repeatedly on the issue until the judge ruled that the questions would not be allowed.

LaLima also, multiple times, objected to Gedansky talking about the couple’s finances, Richard Dabate’s parenting or bringing up topics that hadn’t been introduced into evidence, calling his questions “prejudicial.”

Judge Corinne Klatt gave Gedansky multiple “last warnings” — a move that LaLima criticized the third time. Ultimately, the judge denied multiple motions for mistrial.

Dabate said Thursday that the morning of Dec. 23, he brought his sons to the bus stop at the end of their long driveway, went back inside to change his shirt, then left for work. About two minutes into his drive, he said, he realized he forgot his personal laptop. He pulled over near an apple orchard and sent an email to his boss saying that he needed to go home because their alarm was going off. Since he was the company’s IT guy, he said, he was embarrassed to tell her he’d forgotten a device.

Gedansky later asked him about what he told police about that morning: that he’d driven 10 to 15 minutes before he pulled over to send that email. Dabate said it was a stressful day and that he wasn’t thinking clearly.

“My times were obviously off back then, it was a long day,” he said Thursday.

Gedansky also said that cellphone data showed that both Dabates were home for about 30 minutes that morning, and that Dabate didn’t leave the house besides bringing their son’s to the school bus. He said both of those things contradicted what he told police, and what he’d told the jury that morning.

Dabate said that wasn’t true.

“I absolutely left that house that day,” he told the prosecutor.

Though he initially told police that he heard a noise upstairs as soon as he got home, he told the court Thursday that he came home, placed his phone by their Keurig machine because he wanted to make a coffee and, since he was already going to be late for work, pulled out his laptop and decided to “veg out” while listening to an ESPN radio show.

Then he said he heard the sound.

During his attorney’s questioning in Thursday morning, Dabate again told the story of walking into the bedroom upstairs and seeing a masked intruder in the closet. He heard Connie come in — her entry alerted by a squeaky door with a Christmas bell hung on it. He yelled to her that someone was in the house and she should run.

He heard her run to the basement and followed her there, where he said he heard a deafening bang.

“I remember seeing Connie fall motionless to the ground,” he said.

He said he knew by the way she fell that she was dead.

“It was pretty clear by the way she fell, the way she lied motionless, she was dead.”

Gedansky asked Dabate point blank whether he shot his wife.

“Absolutely not sir,” he replied.

Questioned about the time — 9:18 a.m. — at which he looked up the YMCA cycling class schedule. Dabate said Connie had asked him to look it up that morning as they were getting ready.

Gedansky pointed out that that timing didn’t match up because 9:18 a.m. was around the time that Dabate said the intruder was going after his wife.

“When she was running down the basement did she yell up ‘Can you look up if there’s a spin class?’” he asked.

Dabate again attributed his confusion of the timeline — “minor details” of the day, as he called them — to the trauma he endured during the attack. Gedansky concluded the cross examination of Dabate by once again asking if he shot his wife and staged a crime scene. He answered no to both.

The defense is scheduled to call more witnesses on Friday. The state rested its case Wednesday, nearly a month into the trial.

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8 3 2 WB: 0

PLAY4 NIGHT

4 6 8 7 WB: 1

CASH 5

3 8 11 12 25

LUCKY FOR LIFE

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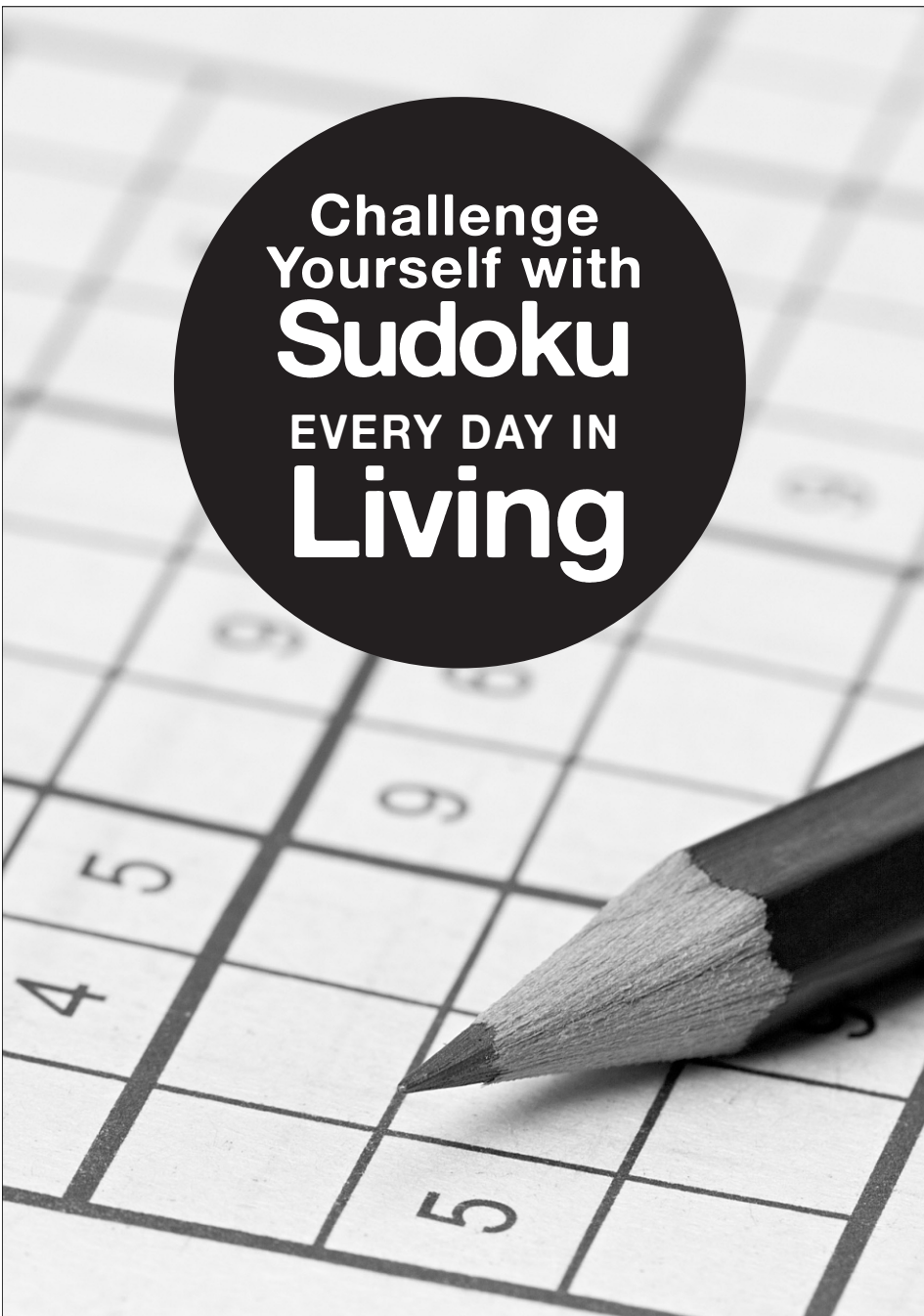
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Lamont signs abortion law protecting patients, providers

Hartford Courant

Connecticut legislators recently passed a new abortion bill. The measure is the most far-reaching on abortion in Connecticut in the past 32 years and would expand abortion-related protections regarding lawsuits against both providers and patients

who travel to Connecticut. Gov. Ned Lamont confirmed Wednesday that he signed the bill. "This is a bill I wanted to sign as soon as possible," he said in a video released Wednesday, noting the preliminary ruling from the Supreme Court that has raised concerns about the overturning of Roe v. Wade and ending a "woman's

right to choose." "No politician is going to get between you and your doctor," in Connecticut, Lamont said. "You make the choice." The state's new abortion law has been called the strongest in the nation. In reacting to the news of the leaked Supreme Court opinion Monday night, Attorney General

William Tong said, "Connecticut will be a safe state." As abortions are restricted in multiple states like Texas, state Sen. Saud Anwar, a doctor, predicted, "We will be a place of refuge for a lot of people." Connecticut's House Bill 5414, known as the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act, would expand

the number of medical specialists who are allowed to perform abortion services — allowing advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and nurse-midwives to provide medication and aspiration abortions in the first trimester. Reporting by Chris Keating was included on this story.

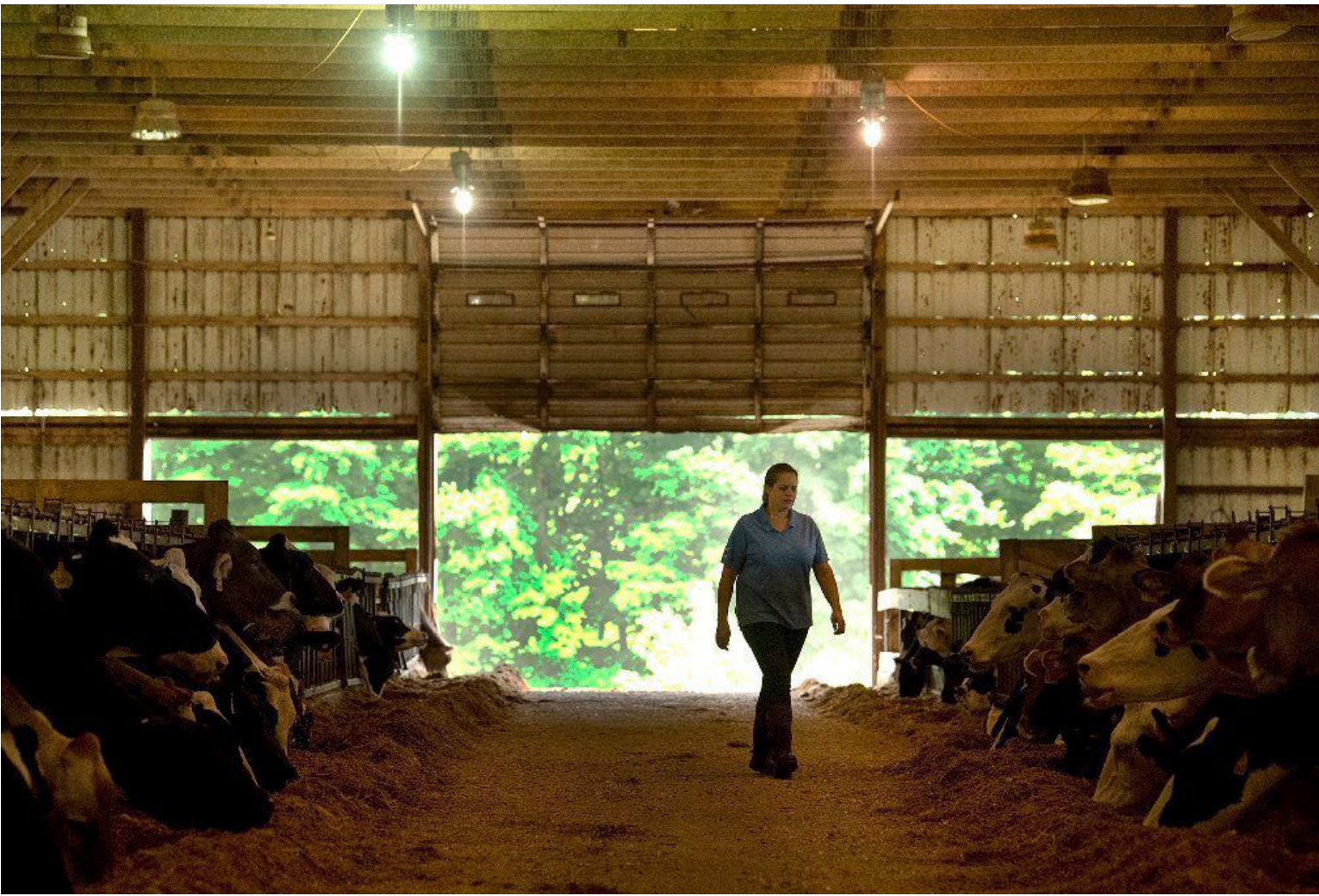
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"If you bring up Brookfield Farm, people are like, 'Oh, the cluster of yellow houses,'" Harrison said. The farm is being marketed as a convenient commute to New Haven, Hartford or the shoreline, and two hours to Boston and New York. There also is rental income from agricultural, residential, equestrian and hunting leases.

'Harder and harder'

The Greenbackers are high-profile among the state's struggling farmers. In 2018, shortly after the sale of the farm's herd, Joe Greenbacker appeared in a video promoting the Farm Aid fundraising concert at Xfinity Theater in Hartford. Greenbacker, who also attended the concert, recounted in the video that it was an emotional decision to sell the cows, according to a Farm Aid blog post. "But in reality, if we had kept going we would have just continued to erode the value and equity in our business," Greenbacker said, according to the post. Since the sale of the herd, most of the farm has been leased to another vegetable grower. Joe Greenbacker and his brother, David, have planted about 35 acres of hay and some corn. The decision to sell comes as fertilizer and diesel fuel prices have soared — pushed up by inflation and the war in Ukraine — and a labor shortage. But Joe Greenbacker said those were not factors in deciding to sell because the farm had already scaled back. The decision is more closely tied to a strong real estate market and frankly, he said, his age and that of his siblings. Greenbacker said he will be 73 in a couple of weeks. "Even though my daughter and her husband have some animals here, there wasn't much of the younger generation in place to take over the operation," Greenbacker



Melissa Greenbacker Dziurgot, daughter of Joe Greenbacker, stands in a barn at Greenbacker's Brookfield Farm before an auction selling off more than 300 of the farm's cows in 2018. COURANT FILE PHOTO

said. "Basically, we're just getting older. It's harder and harder to keep up with everything." A sale would open up hundreds of acres in central Connecticut, but there is a restriction on what can be done with them. The owner previous to the Greenbackers had already sold the development rights to the state's farmland preservation program. That means the land can only be used for agricultural purposes or open space. "It doesn't mean they have to farm it," Greenbacker said. "These

restrictions have been no problem for us for what we've done here over the years." Potential buyers just need to understand the parameters, Greenbacker said. "There are many things that could be done with this property," Greenbacker said. "We're not telling any buyer what they have to do — or what they can, or cannot do." Roots in farming The Greenbacker family has deep roots in Connecticut farm-

ing but are relative newcomers to Durham. The family bought Brookfield Farm in 1983, shifting dairy operations from land in Meriden and Wallingford near I-91, where Greenbackers had been farming since 1723, under a colonial land grant from the King of England. Greenbacker said the farm is legally divided into two parcels and could be sold that way. But the family prefers to sell it in one piece, honoring the memory of wealthy New Haven industrialist Frederick Brewster.

A century ago, Brewster, according to Greenbacker, assembled four farms into one, creating Brookfield Farm. "We think that it has been one farm for so long, if it is possible to sell to one buyer, that's what I would like to see," Greenbacker said. "As far as what they do with the land, as long as it complies with regulations concerning development rights, that's OK with me." Kenneth R. Gosselin can be reached at kgosselin@courant.com.

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commissioner. The commission then has one year to propose, discuss and vote on recommendations, which are forwarded to the city council. The council reviews the proposals and can either send recommendations back to the commission or vote to put them on the November ballot as referendum questions for public approval. The current commission has about three more meetings left before it must forward its draft proposals to the City Council, according to commission Chairman James Woulfe. Woulfe called the allegations of side meetings with the mayor's office "absolutely not true" and "baseless." "In my role as chair, I speak to all sorts of stakeholders in this process as do other members of the commission," Woulfe said. "Whether it's a call from another commissioner, a member of council, a neighbor as I go in my house with the groceries. That's our job on this. We're supposed to be reaching out to people and speaking to stakeholders throughout the city to come up with the best product here. I speak to all the stakeholders in this process. There is nothing nefarious happening here." Kennedy, who declined to say which commissioner tipped him off to the alleged side meetings, said it was disappointing that changes to the charter were prevented before the process even started.

"I'm not naming names," Kennedy said. "The person who spoke to me, spoke in a confidential conversation. [This person] said they wanted to have the appearance of change, but not change anything. There were going to be changes on the periphery, but no substantial change. [It was going to be] window dressing. It was going to be small stuff, changes on the edge, but not real substantive change and that's what they want to sell." Kennedy, a former city councilman, said his hope going into the process was to balance the power between the city council and the mayor. Those proposed changes included staggering the election of the City Council members and having a hybrid council of members who are elected in districts in the city as well as citywide. But the police board was what Kennedy "really, really, really wanted." "For me, it's not a political issue, it's a life or death issue," he said. "Anyone who is an African American knows, you don't have to explain it to them, regardless of their social-economic status, of where they are, where they come from." Kennedy said other municipalities in the state have a police board, which is a governing body, as opposed to — or in addition to — what Hartford has, which is a civilian police review board that, according to Kennedy, takes in complaints about the police from the public. A police board, Kennedy said, would have made the governance

of the Police Department closer to the community. "That's all I wanted," he said. "We've had issues with the Police Department historically." That the police board was rejected, in addition to the phone call during which allegations of side meetings took place, led Kennedy to step away. Medina, who also stepped away from the charter review commission following the rejection of the proposed police board, said the process lacked transparency. "The early phase of the charter commission had a lot of speakers, people with a great deal of experience in both municipal administration, politics, elections, to help us understand what structures are best suited for increased civic engagement ensuring that the needs of Hartford residents can be answered," he said. "After that process of hearing a great deal of experts and speakers, it would seem to be that the process is not interested in creating the right government for Hartford residents to increase their participation and to address the needs of Hartford residents, but instead address the needs of City Hall. It's an affront to the whole process, which is about Hartford residents, not what is more politically feasible or politically opportunistic for existing elected officials or future elected officials." Medina said once he found out a subset of members allegedly had been having conversations with city hall officials, "that only confirmed a feeling I had already about the process, that this wasn't about the

needs of Hartford residents, instead it was about the interests of people in City Hall." Herrington, a community activist who has lived in the city most her life, said it was a lifelong goal to participate in the charter revision process. Her goal was to go even further and go back to having a form of government with a strong city manager and a strong city treasurer. She says a strong-mayor form of government "has hurt my city." She also said she wanted to change the structure of the Board of Education so the mayor, regardless of how strong the position is, does not have five appointed positions on it. "I was looking to address and change structures of a whole lot of what's going on in the city," she said. "The commissions are set up to take active residents and neutralize them." Any discussions on her ideas, however, were stifled, she said. A message left with Mednick was not returned. A spokesman for Bronin said the mayor had no comment on the charter review commission's work. Woulfe, for his part, disagreed with claims that the process lacks transparency and that significant changes aren't being proposed by the commission. "I've run a fair and transparent process," he said. "We have public hearing and public comment portions of our meetings on a monthly basis. We make the language we are voting on and circulate it two weeks before. There have been no surprises here."

Among the proposals approved by the commission that are up for a public hearing, according to Woulfe, include giving the City Council more time to consider the budget; giving the council the authority to appoint members to the planning and zoning commission, the zoning board of appeals and the board of assessment appeals; making it easier to have community members join boards and commissions, such as allowing members to receive reimbursement of the cost of child care and transportation. Furthermore, Woulfe said the commission buttressed the police accountability review board, which is just a year old, by requiring the council to create it by ordinance rather than resolution. "That's to ensure that a future mayor or future council can't defund civilian complaints against the police," he said. "The council, the mayor, the police department and police union took action on these issues a year ago; it's in its infancy and just getting started. We tried to find ways to bolster what we have in place." Woulfe added the commission's work hasn't been completed and there are three more meetings. Complicating matters is one commission member, Alex Aponte, resigned from the commission after recently moving out of the city. With his absence plus the other six stepping aside, the commission might not have a quorum to meet and do any additional business. Ted Glanzer can be reached at tglanzer@courant.com

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# Roe furor now forces Biden’s hand

President has tried avoiding taking a side previously

By Chris Megerian  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soon after being elected to the U.S. Senate, Joe Biden was pulled aside by a Democratic colleague who wanted to know how he was going to vote on abortion.

Biden explained that while he was personally opposed to abortion and would resist federal funding for the procedure, he didn’t want to impose his view on others by overturning Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

“That’s a tough position, kid,” said Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn. Then Ribicoff offered him some advice, Biden recalled years later in a memoir: “Pick a side. You’ll be much better off politically. Just pick a side.”

During five decades in elected office, Biden has tried to avoid picking a side on abortion whenever he could. Now that’s impossible as the Supreme Court seems poised to strike down the constitutional right to abortion after a draft of the court’s majority opinion was published by Politico this week; a final decision is expected this summer.

As the Democratic president who happens to be serving when the Republicans’ anti-abortion agenda reaches its crescendo, Biden is being drafted into the kind of fight that he’s sidestepped for much of his career.

It’s not a natural role for him, despite his longtime defense of a woman’s right



President Joe Biden speaks Tuesday at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., a day after the Supreme Court draft leak. EVAN VUCCI/AP

to choose whether to end her pregnancy. Like many Catholic Democrats, he’s expressed conflicting opinions on abortion, which his church regards as a sin but his political party views as a legal right.

Mini Timmaraju, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said Biden “understands there’s a difference between his personal view and what he would do in his personal life, and what he and his party stands for in terms of protecting freedoms for the American people.”

Although Biden called for protecting Roe v. Wade in his State of the Union speech in March, since

becoming president he had never publicly uttered the word “abortion” until this week, when the draft court decision leaked. And he still prefers to frame the issue around privacy and people’s ability to make their own decisions free from government interference.

“This is about a lot more than abortion,” he said Wednesday at the White House. He often references other court decisions on same-sex marriage or birth control. “What are the next things that are going to be attacked?”

It’s the kind of rhetoric that he deployed successfully during the 1987 confirmation hearings for Robert

Bork, President Ronald Reagan’s nominee to the Supreme Court.

Biden was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he focused his questioning on Griswold v. Connecticut, a 1965 decision that allowed married couples to buy birth control.

“If we tried to make this a referendum on abortion rights, for example, we’d lose,” he wrote in his 2007 memoir, “Promises to Keep.”

Biden’s handling of the issue was a sharp contrast with colleagues like Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who said in a speech that “Robert Bork’s America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley

abortions.”

“No one could have ever confused then-Sen. Biden with being a culture warrior,” said Jim Manley, a longtime Senate staff member who worked for Kennedy and Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Bork’s nomination was defeated, preventing a rightward shift on the Supreme Court that could have jeopardized Roe v. Wade.

But there was still lingering suspicion about Biden’s support for abortion rights. Victoria Nourse, a lawyer who worked for Biden in the Senate, said the distrust became an obstacle when he was working on the Violence Against Women Act, which

passed in 1994 and increased protections against sexual assault and domestic abuse.

“The women’s groups wouldn’t come on board, because they thought he was weak on abortion,” she said.

The issue returned in 2019, when Biden was running for the Democratic presidential nomination. Biden faced criticism for his support of the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal funding for abortions, and he swiftly reversed course on his longtime position.

Biden explained his shift by saying “circumstances have changed” because Republican-led states were enacting new abortion restrictions.

It was a change that mirrored a broader shift in American politics. Michele Swers, a professor of government at Georgetown, said it used to be more common to find anti-abortion Democrats and Republicans who support abortion rights.

Biden became a U.S. senator in January 1973, the same month the Roe v. Wade decision was issued, and he criticized the Supreme Court for going “too far.” When it comes to abortion, he told an interviewer, he was “about as liberal as your grandmother.”

However, activist groups at each end of the political spectrum have gained influence within the parties, Swers said, leaving little room for politicians who hold what Biden once described as “middle-of-the-road” views.

“If you want to move up in national politics, it is definitely harder,” Swers said. “I don’t think that someone who took the positions that he used to take could run for president now.”

## COVID-19 aid in question as part of Ukraine deal

Lawmakers work toward accord on Biden’s request

By Alan Fram  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are working toward compromise on President Joe Biden’s \$33 billion Ukraine aid request, even as signs emerge that Democrats may need to swallow another COVID-19 setback and drop their goal of wrapping pandemic spending into the package.

Bipartisan talks among House and Senate Appropriations committee leaders are underway in hopes of producing legislation Congress could vote on as soon as next week, members of both parties say. Changes in Biden’s proposal are likely — the price tag, particularly for military spending, could rise — but there’s wide agreement on the urgency of helping Kyiv and regional allies resist Russia’s 10-week-old onslaught.

Republican budget-writers “are probably knocking some things out and adding some things. But I think by and large, everybody agrees we’ve got to do all we can to help,” said No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Thune of

South Dakota. He said some Republicans believe “this package may not be robust enough, but I think it probably strikes close to the right balance.”

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., cited broad backing for the measure Thursday but warned, “This isn’t about battling climate change.” McConnell aides said he was objecting to some proposed funding to international organizations that Republicans have criticized for spending money on alternative energy initiatives.

“If the Senate is serious about helping Ukraine win, we need to show it by passing supplemental assistance. Clean, no strings attached, and soon,” McConnell said.

One participant said bargainers must resolve details of Biden proposals to provide health care, food and other benefits to Ukrainian refugees in the U.S. and to strengthen government powers to use assets seized from billionaire friends of Russian President Vladimir Putin to help Ukraine. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to describe the talks publicly.

When Biden sent his \$33 billion proposal to Congress

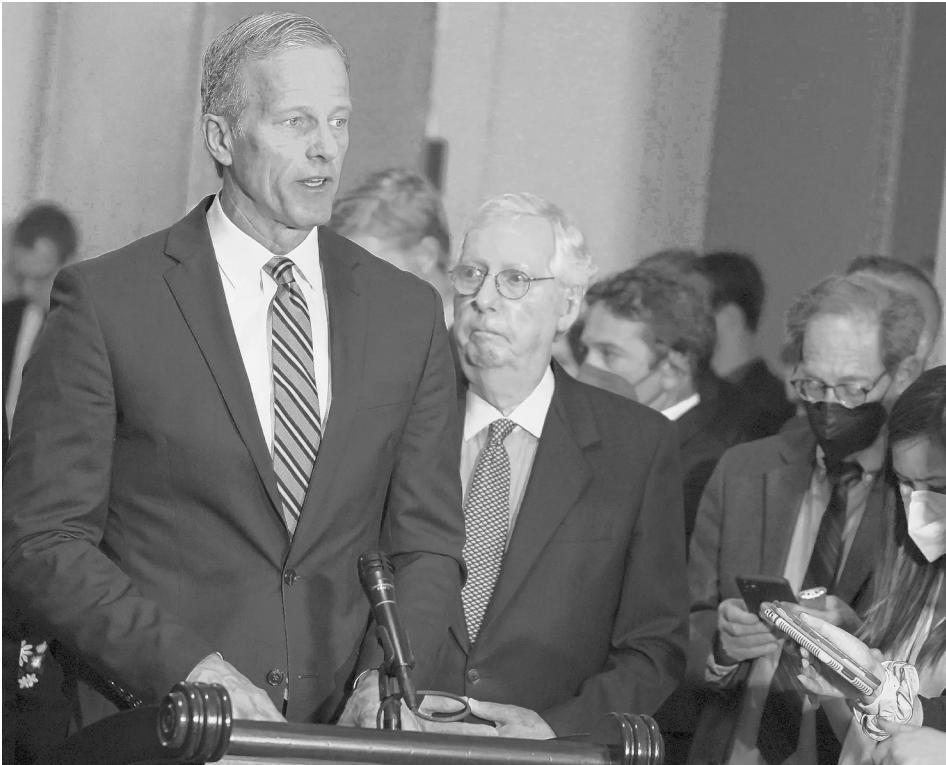
last week, he wrote that “to avoid needless deaths in the United States and around the world,” Congress should include additional billions for COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines. Democrats have hoped doing so would pressure the GOP to accept the pandemic spending, which Democrats say is needed to prepare for the virus’ all but inevitable next curveball.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has resorted to more lawyerly language, not specifying that the two issues should be combined. “We need to figure out the best way to get both done, and that’s what we’re going to try to do in the next few weeks,” he told reporters Tuesday.

Minutes earlier, McConnell spelled out his view of the best way forward.

“There is overwhelming bipartisan support for getting the Ukrainians as much help as they need as quickly as possible,” McConnell said. “For that to happen here in Congress, that package needs to be moved without the other extraneous issues.”

While combining Ukraine and pandemic money into one package has broad Democratic support, bargainers say party leaders



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., second from left, listens as Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., speaks during a news conference on April 26 in Washington. MARIAM ZUHAIB/AP

haven’t made a final decision on that yet. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said in an interview that he wants funding for Ukraine and COVID-19 tied together because both are crucial.

“It may” fall out of the bill, Leahy said of the pandemic money, “and I think that would be a mistake.”

Biden’s overall proposal is anchored by \$20 billion to help Ukraine and nearby countries defend themselves and replenish U.S. arms shipped to the area. There’s \$8.5 billion to bolster

Ukraine’s economy and government and \$3 billion for refugees and to supplement food supplies around the world disrupted by the war.

Rapid approval of Ukraine aid would let both parties avoid an election-year display of dysfunction by spiraling into a spat over the widely popular cause of helping Ukraine avoid being overpowered by Russia.

Passage of Ukraine aid separately would also preserve GOP hopes of boxing Democrats into a corner on border security,

an issue Republicans are banking on in November’s elections for congressional control.

Should Senate Democrats press ahead with a separate pandemic bill, Republicans plan to force a vote on retaining a Trump-era order citing the pandemic as justification for quickly removing asylum-seekers crossing the Mexican border into the U.S.

The Biden administration has planned to let that rule expire May 23, and Democrats are divided over whether to extend it.

## Israel accepts Putin apology over diplomat’s comments on Holocaust

By Joseph Krauss  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said he accepted an apology from Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday for controversial remarks about the Holocaust made by Moscow’s top diplomat.

The two leaders talked over the phone, after which an Israeli statement said Putin had apologized. However, the Russian state-

ment about the call made no mention of an apology. Instead, it said they emphasized the importance of marking the Nazi defeat in World War II, which Russia celebrates on Monday.

Bennett emerged as a potential mediator between Russia and Ukraine shortly after Moscow’s invasion. But that role was thrown into doubt this week when Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov made

comments about the Holocaust that were deeply offensive to Jews.

Asked in an interview with an Italian news channel about Russian claims that it invaded Ukraine to “denazify” the country, Lavrov said that Ukraine could still have Nazi elements even though its president, Volodymyr Zelensky, is Jewish.

“In my opinion, Hitler also had Jewish origins, so

it doesn’t mean absolutely anything. For some time we have heard from the Jewish people that the biggest antisemites were Jewish,” he said, speaking to the station in Russian, dubbed over by an Italian translation.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, who has harshly criticized Russia over the invasion, called Lavrov’s statement “unforgivable and scandalous and a horrible historical error.” He demanded that Russia apol-

ogize, and Israel summoned the Russian ambassador in protest.

Bennett, who has been more measured in his criticism of Russia’s invasion, also condemned Lavrov’s comments. On Thursday, he said Putin had apologized.

“The Prime Minister accepted President Putin’s apology for Lavrov’s remarks and thanked him for clarifying the President’s attitude towards the Jewish people and the memory of the Holocaust,” Bennett’s

office said in a statement.

Evoking Russia’s deeply-rooted narrative of suffering and heroism in World War II, Putin has portrayed the war in Ukraine as a struggle against Nazis, even though Ukraine has a democratically elected government and a Jewish president whose relatives were killed in the Holocaust.

Israel gained independence in the wake of the Holocaust and has served as a refuge for the world’s Jews.



Bennett



WORLD & NATION

US may be outlier on abortion rights

By Astrid Suarez and Christopher Sherman  
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — As women in the United States find themselves on the verge of possibly losing the constitutional right to abortion, courts in many other parts of the world have been moving in the opposite direction. That includes in a number of traditionally conservative societies — such as recently in Colombia, where the Constitutional Court in February legalized the procedure until the 24th week of pregnancy, part of a broader trend seen in parts of heavily Catholic Latin America. It’s not yet clear what impact there will be outside the United States from the leaked draft opinion suggesting the U.S. Supreme Court could overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. But for women’s activists who for years have led grinding campaigns demanding open access to abortion, often

looking to the United States as a model, it’s a discouraging sign and a reminder that hard-won gains can be temporary. “It is an awful precedent for the coming years for the region and the world,” said Colombian Catalina Martinez Coral, Latin America and Caribbean director for the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights, which was among the groups that litigated the abortion case in Colombia’s high court. The February ruling there established a broad right for women to have abortions within the 24-week period, whereas previously they could do so only in specific cases such as if a fetus presented malformations or a pregnancy resulted from rape. Abortion is still allowed after that period under those special circumstances. The decision fell short of advocates’ hopes for complete decriminalization, but Martinez Coral said it still left Colombia with the “most progressive legal framework



Activists embrace as they celebrate a Constitutional Court decision decriminalizing abortion on Feb. 21 in Bogota, Colombia. **FERNANDO VERGARA/AP**

in Latin America.” Similarly, Mexico’s Supreme Court held last year that it was unconstitutional to punish abortion. As the country’s highest court, its ruling bars all jurisdictions from charging a woman with a crime for terminating a pregnancy. Statutes outlawing abortion are still on the books in most of Mexico’s 32 states, however, and nongovernmental organizations that have long pushed for decriminalization are pressing state legislatures to reform them. Abortion was already readily available in Mexico City and some states. In Argentina, lawmakers

in late 2020 passed a bill legalizing abortion until the 14th week, and after that for circumstances similar to those described in the Colombia ruling. It’s also widely available in Cuba and Uruguay. But expansion of abortion access has not extended to all of Latin America, with many countries restricting it to certain circumstances — such as Brazil, the region’s most populous nation, where it’s permissible only in cases of rape, risk to the woman’s life and certified cases of the birth defect anencephaly. Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is seeking a new

term in October, recently said he sees legalizing abortion as a public health issue, eliciting criticism in a country where few approve of the procedure. Other places have total bans with no exceptions, such as Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador. Courts in the latter have given women long prison sentences for aggravated homicide even in cases where prosecutors suspect a miscarriage was actually an abortion. Many African nations also maintain complete bans, but Benin legalized abortion in most circumstances up to 12 weeks last October. Previously it was permitted in cases of rape or incest; risk to the woman’s life; or severe fetal malformation. Most European countries have legalized abortion, including predominantly Catholic ones. Ireland did so in 2018, followed by San Marino in a voter referendum last fall. It remains illegal in Andorra, Malta and Vatican City, while Poland last year tightened its abortion laws. It’s also been widely available in Israel since 1978 and relatively uncontroversial, allowed by law before the 24th week with the

approval of hospital “termination committees” that consist of medical professionals including at least one woman. Laws and interpretations vary across the Muslim world. Abortion has been legal up to 12 weeks in Tunisia for decades, but in Iran it’s been forbidden since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Last year the leader of Cairo’s top institution of Islamic clerics, Al-Azhar, said abortion is not the solution even in cases where a child is likely to be seriously ill or disabled. When the U.S. Supreme Court’s final decision is handed down, expected in late June or early July, the world will be watching. “While moves to decriminalize and legalize abortion in places like Argentina, Ireland, Mexico and Colombia in the last few years have been a huge win for the global community,” Agnes Callamard, secretary-general of the human rights group Amnesty International, said in a statement, “there are grim signs that the United States is out of step with the progress that the rest of the world is making in protecting sexual and reproductive rights.”

Stock market drops more than 1,000 points, offsetting gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A sharp sell-off left the Dow Jones Industrial Average more than 1,000 points lower Thursday, wiping out the gains from Wall Street’s biggest rally in two years, as worries grow that the higher interest rates the Federal Reserve is using in its fight against inflation will derail the economy. The benchmark S&P 500 fell 3.6%, marking its biggest loss in nearly two years, a day after it posted its biggest gain since May 2020. The Nasdaq slumped 5%, its worst drop since June 2020. The losses by the Dow and the other

indexes offset the gains from a day earlier. “Yesterday’s sharp rally was not rooted in reality and today’s dramatic selloff is a reversal of that misplaced exuberance,” said Ben Kirby, co-head of investments at Thornburg Investment Management. Wall Street’s breakneck day-to-day reversal reflects the degree of investors’ uncertainty and unease over the array of threats the economy is facing, starting with inflation running at the highest level in four decades, and how effective the Federal Reserve’s bid to tame higher prices by jacking up interest rates will be. On Wednesday, the

Federal Reserve announced a widely expected half-percentage point increase in its short-term interest rate. Stocks bounced around following the move but then sharply rose as bond yields fell after Fed Chair Jerome Powell reassured investors by saying the central bank wasn’t considering shifting to more aggressive, three-quarters point rate hikes as the Fed continues with further rate increases in coming months. But whatever relief Powell’s remarks gave stock investors vanished Thursday. Stocks slumped, and bond yields climbed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.04%.

Rising yields are sure to put upward pressure on mortgage rates, which are already at their highest level since 2009. Investors remain uneasy about whether the Fed can do enough to tame inflation without tipping the economy, which is already showing signs of slowing, into a recession. In addition to high inflation and rising interest rates, investors are grappling with uncertainty over lingering supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions. “The biggest issue is there are just a lot of moving parts, and the unanswered question is to what extent as the Fed attempts to tame

inflation will that result in economic slowing, and perhaps, a recession,” said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. The S&P 500 fell 153.30 points to 4,146.87, while the Nasdaq slid 647.16 points to 12,317.69. The Dow briefly skidded 1,375 points before closing down 1,063.09 points, or 3.1%, to 32,997.97. Smaller company stocks also fell sharply. The Russell 2000 fell 78.77 points, or 4%, to 1,871.15. The Fed’s aggressive shift to raise interest rates has investors worrying about whether it can pull off the delicate dance to slow the economy enough to halt

high inflation but not so much as to cause a downturn. On Wednesday, Powell said there was a “good chance” that the economy will have a “soft or softish landing or outcome” as the central bank raises rates. But Wall Street isn’t necessarily convinced. “Concerns focus on whether the Fed will have to become even more hawkish to bring demand down — and that would involve slowing the economy more than they now project,” said Quincy Krosby, chief equity strategist for LPL Financial. “And today’s market action is questioning whether ‘soft-ish’ is plausible.”

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Lessons from gamma, iota and mu

Vanishing variants provide information amid the pandemic

Emily Anthes  
The New York Times

In early 2021, scientists in Colombia discovered a worrisome new coronavirus variant. This variant, eventually known as mu, had several troubling mutations that experts believed could help it evade the immune system's defenses.

Over the following months, mu spread swiftly in Colombia, fueling a new surge of COVID-19 cases. By the end of August, it had been detected in dozens of countries, and the World Health Organization called it a "variant of interest."

"Mu was starting to make some noise globally," said Joseph Fauver, a genomic epidemiologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and an author of a recent study on the variant.

And then it fizzled and has since all but vanished.

For every delta or omicron there is a gamma, iota or mu, variants that drove local surges but never swept to global dominance. And while understanding omicron remains a critical public health priority, there are lessons to be learned from these lesser lineages, experts say.

"This virus has no incentive to stop adapting and evolving," said Joel Wertheim, a molecular epidemiologist at the University of California, San Diego. "And seeing how it did that in the past will help us prepare for what it might do in the future."

Studies of the also-rans have shed light on surveillance gaps and policy blunders — providing more evidence that America's international travel bans were not effective — and on what makes the virus successful, suggesting that in the early phase of the



A worker clad in a protective suit swabs a child's throat for COVID-19 testing Wednesday in Beijing. MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP

pandemic, transmissibility was more important than immune evasion.

The research also highlights how much context matters. Variants that make an impact in some places never gain a foothold in others. As a result, predicting which variants will surge to dominance is difficult, and staying on top of future variants and pathogens will require comprehensive, nearly real-time surveillance.

"We can gain a lot by looking at the viral genomic sequence and saying, 'This one is probably worse than another one,'" Wertheim said. "But the only way to really know is to watch it spread, because there are a whole lot of potentially dangerous variants that never took hold."

The coronavirus is constantly changing, and most new variants never get noticed or named. But others raise alarms, either because they quickly become more

common or because their genomes look ominous.

Both were true of mu as it spread in Colombia.

"It contained a couple of mutations that people had been watching very closely," said Mary Petrone, a genomic epidemiologist at the University of Sydney and an author of the new mu paper. Several of the mutations in its spike protein had been documented in other immune-evasive variants, including beta and gamma.

In the new study, which has not yet been published in a scientific journal, scientists compared mu's biological characteristics to those of alpha, beta, delta, gamma and the original virus. Mu did not replicate faster than any other variant, they found, but it was the most immune-evasive of the bunch — more resistant to antibodies than any known variant besides omicron, Fauver said.

By analyzing the genomic sequences of mu samples

collected from all over the world, the researchers reconstructed the variant's spread. They concluded that mu had likely emerged in South America in mid-2020. It then circulated for months before it was detected.

Genomic surveillance in many parts of South America was "patchy and incomplete," said Jesse Bloom, an expert in viral evolution at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. "If there had been better surveillance in those regions, possibly it would have been easier to make a faster assessment of how worried to be about mu."

Mu presented another challenge, too. It happened to have a type of mutation, known as a frameshift mutation, that was rare in coronavirus samples. Such mutations were flagged as errors when scientists, including Fauver, tried to upload their mu sequences to GISAID, an international repository of viral genomes

used to keep tabs on new variants.

That complication created delays in the public sharing of mu sequences. The time that elapsed between when a virus sample was collected from a patient and when it was made publicly available on GISAID was consistently longer for mu cases than for delta cases, the researchers found.

Combine these surveillance gaps with mu's immune evasiveness and the variant seemed poised to take off. But that is not what happened. Instead, mu radiated from South and Central America to other continents but did not circulate widely once it got there, the scientists found.

"That was an indication that this variant was not as fit necessarily in maybe the North American and European populations as we had expected," Petrone said.

That was likely because mu found itself competing with an even more formida-

ble variant. Delta was not as skilled at dodging antibodies as mu, but it was more transmissible.

Delta overtook several immune-evasive variants besides mu, including beta, gamma and lambda. This pattern suggests that immune evasion alone was not enough to allow a variant to outdo a highly transmissible version of the virus — or at least it was not during the early phase of the pandemic, when few people had immunity.

But vaccinations and multiple waves of infection have changed the immune landscape. A highly immune-evasive variant should now have more of an edge, scientists said, which is likely part of the reason omicron has been so successful.

Looking back at previous variants can also provide insight into what worked — or didn't — in containing them. The new gamma study provides further evidence that international travel bans, at least as the United States implemented them, are unlikely to prevent a variant's global spread.

Gamma was identified in Brazil in late 2020. In May of that year, the United States barred most non-U.S. citizens from traveling into the country from Brazil, a restriction that remained in place until November 2021. Yet gamma was detected in the United States in January 2021 and soon spread to dozens of states.

Because gamma never came to dominate worldwide, studying its spread provided a "cleaner" picture of the effectiveness of travel bans, said Tetyana Vasylyeva, a molecular epidemiologist at the University of California, San Diego and an author of the study.

"When it comes to studying variants ... it is really difficult at times to find patterns, because it happens on a very large scale and very fast," she said.



Lifeguards in Hong Kong work Thursday after some COVID-19 restrictions were relaxed. Among them included the reopening of beaches and pools. ISAAC LAWRENCE/GETTY-APF

Hong Kong follows Beijing in easing COVID-19 guidelines

Associated Press

BEIJING — Hong Kong reopened beaches and pools and relaxed other pandemic restrictions Thursday, a day after China's capital, Beijing, announced it would ease its tough quarantine rules for arrivals from overseas.

The two Chinese cities are at opposite ends of COVID-19 outbreaks. Hong Kong is emerging from by far its deadliest wave, which killed 9,000 people. In Beijing, a new wave is just beginning and authorities have imposed a series of restrictions on residents to try to snuff it out.

The easing of quarantine requirements was a reminder that China does want eventually to back off from its strict "zero-COVID" approach that is imposing growing economic and human costs, though officials have shown no inclination to do so in a meaningful way anytime soon.

In Hong Kong, the rising costs have sparked a backlash against "zero COVID." The city closed water sports venues during its outbreak of the highly transmissible

omicron variant, but has been reducing restrictions as cases decline. Deaths from COVID-19 have fallen from a high of almost 300 per day in March to zero in recent days.

Restaurants are also allowed to seat up to eight customers per table — up from four — and masks will no longer be required during outdoor exercise.

"We're looking forward to Mother's Day, and being able to have up to eight people sitting at a table," said William So, assistant general manager of the London Restaurant, a long-time destination for dim sum.

Bookings have more than doubled since the relaxed seating policy was announced, he said.

A further round of easing is scheduled to begin May 19, when bars and clubs will be allowed to reopen and restaurants in the southern Chinese city will be permitted to serve customers until midnight.

China has maintained its hard-line "zero-COVID" approach but has imposed less onerous restrictions in Beijing than in other cities such as Shanghai, where

millions were placed under strict lockdown.

Beijing will now require arrivals from overseas to quarantine at a hotel for 10 days, followed by another week of home isolation.

Previous rules required 21 days of isolation, at least 14 of them at a hotel, followed by seven days of regular health reporting.

With only a handful of daily international flights into Beijing, the rule change is expected to have little immediate impact on arrivals. Symbolically, however, it appears to show a willingness to compromise with demands for a less intrusive and economically damaging policy.

Still, the capital is taking no chances and on Wednesday closed 60 subway stations, more than 10% of its vast system, to reduce the possibility of the virus spreading.

Restaurants and bars are limited to takeout, gyms are closed and classes are suspended for at least another week. Major tourist sites in the city, including the Forbidden City, have closed their indoor exhibition halls and are operating at only partial capacity.

WHO says pandemic-related global death toll nearly 15M

By Maria Cheng  
Associated Press

LONDON — The World Health Organization estimates that nearly 15 million people were killed either by coronavirus or by its impact on overwhelmed health systems during the first two years of the pandemic, more than double the current official death toll of over 6 million.

Most of the deaths occurred in Southeast Asia, Europe and the Americas, according to a WHO report issued Thursday.

The U.N. health agency's director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, described the newly calculated figure as "sobering."

WHO tasked scientists with determining the actual number of COVID-19 deaths between January 2020 and the end of last year. They estimated that between 13.3 million and 16.6 million people died either due to the coronavirus directly or because of factors somehow attributed to the pandemic's impact on health systems, such as cancer patients who were unable to seek treatment when hospitals were full of COVID patients.

Based on that range, the scientists came up with an approximated total of 14.9 million.

The estimate was based on country-reported data and statistical modeling, but only about half of countries provided information. WHO said it wasn't yet able to break down the data to distinguish between direct deaths from COVID-19 and those related to effects of the pandemic, but the agency plans a future project examining death certificates.

"This may seem like just a bean-counting exercise, but having these WHO numbers is so critical to understanding how we should combat future pandemics and continue



A relative of a person who died of COVID-19 is consoled in Jammu, India. A WHO analysis says India undercounted its deaths from the coronavirus by millions. CHANNIANAND/AP 2021

to respond to this one," said Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious diseases specialist at the Yale School of Public Health who was not linked to the WHO research.

Accurately counting COVID-19 deaths has been problematic throughout the pandemic, as reports of confirmed cases represent only a fraction of the devastation wrought by the virus, largely because of limited testing. Government figures reported to WHO and a separate tally kept by Johns Hopkins University show more than 6.2 million reported virus deaths to date.

Scientists at the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington calculated for a recent study published in the journal Lancet that there were more than 18 million COVID deaths from January 2020 to December 2021.

A team led by Canadian researchers estimated there were more than 3 million uncounted coronavirus deaths in India alone. WHO's new analysis estimated that missed deaths in India alone ranged between 3.3 million to 6.5 million.

In a statement following the release of WHO's data, India disputed the U.N. agency's methodology.

India's Health and Family Welfare Ministry called the analysis and data collection methods "questionable."

Samira Asma, a senior WHO director, acknowledged that "numbers are sometimes controversial" and that all estimates are only an approximation of the virus' catastrophic effects.

Ko said the new figures from WHO might also explain some lingering mysteries about the pandemic, like why Africa appears to have been one of the least affected by the virus, despite its fragile health systems and low vaccination rates.

"Were the mortality rates so low because we couldn't count the deaths, or was there some other factor to explain that?" he asked.

Dr. Bharat Pankhania, a public health specialist at Britain's University of Exeter, said the world may never measure the true toll of COVID-19, particularly in poor countries.

"When you have a massive outbreak where people are dying in the streets because of a lack of oxygen, bodies were abandoned or people had to be cremated quickly because of cultural beliefs, we end up never knowing just how many people died," he said.



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Biden to crack down on polluters of poor, minority communities

From news services

WASHINGTON — Following through on a campaign promise, the Biden administration Thursday announced a wide-ranging enforcement strategy aimed at holding industrial polluters accountable for damage done to poor and minority communities.

The strategy includes creation of an Office of Environmental Justice within the Justice Department to focus on “fenceline communities” that have been exposed to air and water pollution from chemical plants, refineries and other industrial sites.

The plan also reinstates a dormant program that allowed fines paid by industry as part of a settlement go to river cleanup, health clinics or other programs that benefit the environment or public health. The program was used by presidents from both parties before being eliminated in the Trump administration.

“Although violations of our environmental laws can happen anywhere, communities of color, indigenous communities and low-income communities often bear the brunt of the harm caused by environmental crime, pollution and climate change,” Attorney General Merrick Garland said at a news conference.

“And for far too long, these communities have faced barriers to accessing the justice they deserve,” he said.

President Joe Biden had promised during the 2020 campaign that he would establish an environmental justice division within the Justice Department and elevate environmental justice issues in an all-of-government approach.

The strategy unveiled Thursday is intended to guide the work of employ-

ees throughout the Justice Department, including U.S. attorneys across the country who will begin a renewed focus on environmental justice issues, said Garland and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

**J&J vaccine:** U.S. regulators on Thursday strictly limited who can receive Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine due to the ongoing risk of rare but serious blood clots.

The Food and Drug Administration said the shot should only be given to adults who cannot receive a different vaccine or specifically request J&J’s vaccine. U.S. authorities for months have recommended that Americans starting their COVID-19 vaccinations use the Pfizer or Moderna shots instead.

FDA officials said in a statement that they decided to restrict J&J’s vaccine after taking another look at data on the risk of life-threatening blood clots within two weeks of vaccination.

J&J’s vaccine was initially considered an important tool in fighting the pandemic because it required only one shot. But the single-dose option proved less effective than two doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

**New press secretary:** President Joe Biden on Thursday named Karine Jean-Pierre to be the next White House press secretary, the first Black woman and openly LGBTQ person to serve in the role, replacing Jen Psaki.

Jean-Pierre takes on the role as the White House faces an uphill battle to help Democrats hold onto the House and Senate in this fall’s midterm elections, and as the administration struggles to address Americans’ concerns about inflation and the state of the economy.

She also comes into the job



**Pope Francis**, using a wheelchair for the first time, arrives for an audience with nuns and religious superiors from around the world Thursday at the Vatican. Francis, 85, has been suffering from strained ligaments in his right knee for months. Though he’s recently received injections to relieve the pain, Francis continues to have issues with mobility. **ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP**

as Biden faces foreign policy challenges, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine and North Korea’s escalating nuclear testing program.

Before joining the Biden presidential campaign, Jean-Pierre was the chief public affairs officer of the progressive group MoveOn.org and a former political analyst for NBC and MSNBC. She also worked in political affairs in the Obama White House.

Psaki is scheduled to leave her post on May 13.

**Uterine cancer deaths:** A rare but aggressive kind of uterine cancer appears to be driving an increase in U.S. deaths from the disease, particularly among Black women, researchers reported Thursday. Over eight years, deaths from the aggressive type rose by 2.7% per year, while deaths were stable for the less aggressive kind, their study found.

Black women had more than twice the rate of deaths from uterine cancer over-

all, and of the more aggressive type, when compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

The aggressive kind — called Type 2 endometrial cancer — is more difficult to treat. By the end of the study period, it accounted for about 20% of cases and 45% of deaths. An estimated 65,950 new cases of uterine cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year and 12,550 women are expected to die from it.

**Deadly attack in Israel:** A pair of Palestinians went on an attack in a town near Tel Aviv on Thursday night, killing at least three people and wounding four others before fleeing, Israeli authorities said.

Police launched a massive search for the assailants, setting up roadblocks and dispatching a helicopter.

Alon Rizkan, a medic with Israel’s Magen David Adom rescue service, described a “very difficult call” when he arrived at the scene in Elad,

an ultra-Orthodox town near Tel Aviv. He said he identified three dead people at various locations. At least four others were wounded, one critically, officials said.

Israeli media quoted police as saying there were two assailants, and just before midnight, police said they were still searching for the attackers.

The stabbing, coming on Israel’s Independence Day, was the latest in a string of deadly attacks in Israeli cities in recent weeks.

Israeli-Palestinian tensions have soared recently, with the attacks in Israel, military operations in the occupied West Bank and violence at Jerusalem’s most sensitive holy site. The site, home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, saw new unrest earlier Thursday.

**Famous video games:** More than 40 years after blazing a trail for female video game characters, Ms. Pac-Man was inducted Thursday into the World Video Game Hall

of Fame, along with Dance Dance Revolution, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time and Sid Meier’s Civilization. Inductees are recognized for their popularity and influence on the video game industry or pop culture over time.

The Ms. Pac-Man arcade game was released in 1981 as Midway’s follow-up to Pac-Man, which entered the hall as part of the inaugural class in 2015. The Pac-Man sequel reimaged the main character to acknowledge the original game’s female fans, according to the hall.

After selling 125,000 cabinets within the first five years, it became one of the best-selling arcade games of all time.

The Class of 2022 was chosen from a field of finalists that included Candy Crush Saga and Words with Friends.

It is the eighth class to be inducted since the World Video Game Hall of Fame was established at the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York.

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# OPINION

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Later this year, the U.S. Supreme Court may overturn the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Above, a person holds a sign on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

## Privacy threatened in post-Roe world

**By Parmy Olson**  
Bloomberg Opinion

About 10 years ago, a story about Target Corp.'s uncanny ability to detect a customer's pregnancy made waves. An angry man had gone into a Target store in Minneapolis, demanding to speak to a manager and flashing coupons his teenage daughter had received in the mail for baby clothes and cribs. "Are you trying to encourage her to get pregnant?" he asked.

It turned out his daughter was pregnant, and Target had figured this out before he had.

Data mining by companies has only improved since then, but fortunately so have our tools for protecting privacy. A leaked draft ruling reported by Politico suggests the U.S. Supreme Court is in favor of overturning Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision that gave women the right to abortion. This would make online privacy more critical than ever for women and health care providers, as secrecy around abortion would become integral not just for personal reasons but to avoid potential legal ramifications or blowback from vigilantes.

It's unclear who would be legally liable for an abortion in close to a dozen or more U.S. states that would like to ban it. But many women will want to hide their online activity out of caution. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon warned on Tuesday that "every digital record — from web

searches, to phone records and app data — will be weaponized in Republican states as a way to control women's bodies."

One of the first things many women do when they find themselves needing an abortion is seek advice online. That won't change no matter what the Supreme Court rules.

But if they happen to live in one of 22 states that would probably outlaw abortion in the absence of Roe v. Wade, they'd be wise to hide their browsing history and use encrypted messaging apps like WhatsApp and Signal to talk to others about their plans. Should abortion pills also be outlawed, women may turn to the dark web to procure them — something they already do, according to a study from the University of Texas.

Women may also turn to VPNs to stop mobile network providers and search engines from seeing their browsing habits. They'll clear their web histories, use incognito windows or download more privacy-focused browsers like Firefox.

Such tools, normally associated with political dissidents in autocratic regimes, could become far more important for American women in a post-Roe v. Wade world. Tech news site Motherboard reported on Monday that a location-data firm has already been selling information related to people's visits to abortion clinics, including where visitors had come from and how long they stayed, by tracking apps on groups of phones.

The internet presents risk, but also help, such as telemedicine services that offer abortion medication. Many women in the U.S. have flocked to services like Aid Access to acquire such medication; the website "Women on Web" offers services to women around the world. Depending on the location, pills can cost approximately \$90, versus \$600 or more to get the procedure done in a clinic, prohibitively expensive for many of the women who need abortions (most of whom live on or below the poverty line).

Online collectives like the "Auntie Networks" of Facebook will also become increasingly important. These are pages run by people offering a spare room in U.S. states where abortion is legal, for women who need the procedure. A 2019 report in The Washington Post described how some Auntie Network pages suggested taking selfies at local landmarks as "proof" that the trip was just a vacation.

One host in Iowa said they'd be "happy to mail you a birthday card," which contained birth control, a Plan B pill or a pregnancy test.

Well-meaning as these initiatives are, this is sensitive information being hosted by a social media company that's already being used by third parties, in this case advertisers.

In the meantime, a forthcoming law in the European Union that reins in the power of large technology companies may have the unintended consequence

of making people's data in the U.S. more vulnerable to surveillance.

The EU's Digital Markets Act, which will come into effect in the next few years, forces the world's biggest digital companies to make their products compatible with those of competitors. That means messaging apps like WhatsApp will need to coexist with less secure services like SMS. But some cryptography experts say that making these tools interoperable will break their encryption standards, which could put women seeking an abortion at greater risk.

Social media and search platforms have for years been exploited by the surveillance advertising industry. How much will they resist future government efforts to enforce abortion bans? What happens if state prosecutors order Facebook or Google to identify women who are breaking the rules?

Given the libertarian ethos of many Silicon Valley billionaire founders and the legal fallout from whistleblower Edward Snowden, it's hard to see such firms giving in to government demands to break their encryption and hand over such details. But put enough financial pressure on a business and anything can happen.

For now, encryption and online privacy tools are a sacred right for women seeking an abortion. They mustn't turn into a luxury.

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## Bill would preserve employer autonomy

**By Rachel Greszler**  
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Two very different competing proposals in Congress could have huge impacts on working women.

The Protecting the Right to Organize Act, also known as the PRO Act, attempts to recreate the workplace of yesteryear, denying many women flexibility and restricting entrepreneurship opportunities. The Employee Rights Act of 2022, also known as the ERA, modernizes labor laws, promoting work models that accommodate the needs of women and their families.

Today's labor laws were written nearly eight decades ago, when men made up 75% of the labor force and women's work was largely confined to unmarried women in clerical or rote factory positions. Today, women make up 47% of the workforce, spanning every occupation, including business ownership.

According to FreshBooks' Women in the Independent Workforce Annual Report, women's share of self-employed work and small business ownership jumped from about 25% in 2012 to 34% in 2019.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports 1.1 million female-owned businesses and another 10.6 million self-employed.

An additional 24 million women do freelance work. These freelancers aren't just Uber drivers and part-time Instacart shoppers. These are yoga instructors, language interpreters, artists and musicians, product consultants, journalists and editors, and Etsy shop owners.

Many of these businesses and livelihoods are under threat by the PRO Act, which seeks to increase union membership at the expense of workers' independence and autonomy.

A mini-version of the PRO Act — California's AB5 law — has left many women chasing work in the Golden State. Even with 100 exemptions — and counting — women like Monica Wyman have been unable to hire help for her floral business, including when she underwent surgery related to cancer.

Whereas the PRO Act seeks to cut off the tremendous growth in independent work in order to push people toward unions, the ERA would support independent work by codifying the common law definition of an "employee" consistent with other federal and state laws and Supreme Court decisions.

That means it would be based on the level of control an individual maintains over his or her work.

This protection is extremely important to the future of work in America. In 2021, 59 million Americans (36% of all workers) performed independent work, and another 59 million said they were likely to freelance in the future.

Whether the result of necessity — such as caring for children or coping with a family member's health condition — or simply preference, independent work provides the autonomy and flexibility that many women want and need in order to participate in the labor force. In fact, over half of independent workers — 32 million in total — say that they are unable to work for a traditional employer because of personal circumstances such as health issues or child care needs.

Another way that women's entrepreneurship is growing is through the franchise business model. Women own about 35 percent of the roughly 750,000 franchise establishments in the U.S. — everything from Dunkin' to Orangetheory Fitness — and they accounted for 41 percent of new franchise owners between



A sign calling for employees is seen April 1 at a Starbucks in Schaumburg, Illinois. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**

2017 and 2019.

By making the parent companies of franchises legally liable for the employees hired by independent franchise owners, the PRO Act would upend the franchise business model — a model without which 39 percent of female franchise owners say they would not have been able to own their businesses.

The ERA protects franchising's pathway to entrepreneurship by codifying the longstanding precedent, and practical reality, that an individual's employer is the one who hires, oversees and pays her: the franchise owner.

The overwhelming majority of women who moved from traditional employment to independent work say they have a better work-life balance (73%) and earn as much or more as when they were formally employed (68%). Moreover, most say the greater flexibility and autonomy has resulted in less stress (59%) and better health (57%).

There have been significant spillover effects, too, with traditional workplaces becoming more flexible and family-friendly. The Society for Human Resource Management reports that the

percentage of companies providing paid maternity leave more than doubled from 26% in 2016 to 55% in 2020. The percentage offering paid paternity leave jumped from 20% to 45%.

The COVID-19 pandemic also gave a boost to flexible, family-friendly work options, allowing more women (and men) to work in ways that meet their needs and desires, such as remote work and more flexible hours.

Now is the time to modernize America's labor laws. Amid record high inflation and an unprecedented labor shortage, the PRO Act would further drive up prices and restrict work. Conversely, the ERA would alleviate these pressures by expanding work and income opportunities.

The PRO Act seeks to regress to the 1950s workplace that denied workers the flexibility needed to balance work/life demands. The ERA would preserve the gains women have made and provide important rights of autonomy, privacy, and opportunity for women and men alike.

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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Newington

Nancy Interlandi  
No Additional Town  
Garrett V. Powning

Other Towns in CT

Elmer Hartenstein  
Jean Hartenstein  
Arnold Hefland

Out of State

Garrett V. Powning  
Southington  
Eleanor V. Kiltonic  
Vernon  
Gloria M Wolinski  
West Hartford  
Arnold Hefland

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

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Interlandi, Nancy "Tina"



Nancy "Tina" Interlandi, 84 of Newington, CT, passed away at home on Monday, May 2nd. She was the loving wife of her predeceased husband Joseph, to whom she was married for over 57 years. Tina is survived by her sons, Eugene Interlandi of Newington, CT, John Interlandi and daughter-in-law Kerri Powers Interlandi of Canton, CT, and Joseph Interlandi of Hartford, CT. She also is survived by several siblings, nieces and nephews in Sicily. Tina was born to her father, Sebastiano Bordonaro and her mother Carmela Bordonaro (Carnevalini). Growing up in Sicily at a young age, Tina and her sisters, Lina, Bianca, Olga and brother Pippo, lost their mother Carmela in a tragic bus accident. Reliance on each other and sacrifice were essential elements of growing up after their loss. With their father being away at work, Tina would run the family's farm with her siblings by her side in order to ensure having enough resources to move forward. Sacrifice during post-WWII Sicily included not being formally-schooled, which enabled only one sibling to continue with education. As a young woman of 23, she departed for the United States from Sicily and worked as a professional seamstress and dressmaker. She met Joseph, fell in love, married, and the couple moved into their Newington home in 1965, where they raised their family of three sons. Tina's passion was to cook for her family; pasta, meatballs, and chicken cutlets were the staple of her dining room table. Everyone adored her fine Sicilian cooking and generous heart and smile. Tina's focus was always on her family and others. She offered all who knew her the gifts of kindness, compassion, and gentleness. The conversation was never about her but always about those in her company. She will be deeply missed and we are so thankful for the blessing of being a part of this remarkable woman's life and journey. The family would like to thank Tina's primary caregiver, Jennifer Hubbard-Paul, for her many years of companionship, dedication, and most of all, love. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, May 9th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. We invited you to gather for a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, May 10th, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington. She will be laid to rest with her husband following the mass in West Meadow Cemetery. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).



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Powning, Garrett "Pat" V



With great sorrow we announce that our dad, Pat Powning, passed away peacefully in his sleep early Saturday April 9th in Florida. Nearly 96, he wrote that he "lived a good life with many great friends and a loving family". Thoughtful, bright and kind, he was an awesome father and husband. A hard act to follow, our dad soldiered on through adversity with grace and good humor to the end. He was a decent, honorable, multi-talented guy: photographer, cook, knitter of Icelandic sweaters, weaver, masterful woodworker, gardener & white water canoeing enthusiast. Quite the hockey player in his youth, he always enjoyed a good practical joke. We'll miss him terribly. He'll join his beloved wife, Peg, of 59 years in a Collinsville, Ct. hillside cemetery, a spot they chose together. Born in New Haven, Connecticut of William G. and Grace (Percival) Powning, he served in the U. S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He graduated from Yale University in 1949. After working for Procter & Gamble in Rhode Island and Benedict Oil in New Haven he was general manager and president of Rowe Coal & Oil Company in Bristol, Connecticut until 1966, followed by a 25 year career at the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut, retiring in 1991. Pat was active in civic and volunteer functions in Bristol, Hebron, Avon and was a volunteer at the Hartford Hospital. In 2004 the Pownings moved to the Shell Point Retirement Village in Fort Myers, Florida. He was an active member of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 55 years. His wife of 59 years, Margaret (Peg) Wilson Powning died in 2008. Pat and Peg produced and lovingly raised four children: Peter W. Powning (wife, Beth) of Markhamville, New Brunswick, Canada; David G. Powning (wives Jean d. and Pamela d.) of Walpole, Maine; Bethany (Powning) Brandt (husband David) of Encinitas, California; and Andrew J. Powning (husband Te-Wei) of Oakland, California; five grandchildren Jacob, Maggi, Joe, Eli and Zane and five great grandchildren Maeve, Bridget, Cammie, Zach and Mae. A private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to UNICEF would be welcomed. If you would care to make a donation in memory of Pat, or would like to share a photo and/or memory, please visit <http://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/10708089>. Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)

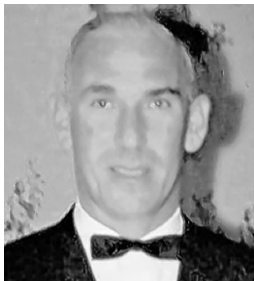
Wolinski, Gloria M (Mazzella)

Gloria M. Wolinski, 90, who graced this earth from 1927 – 2017, will be lovingly remembered with a memorial service at Grove Hill Cemetery in Rockville, CT on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Gloria was born in Rockville, CT, the daughter of Emil Mazzella and Lillian Helm Mazzella. She was a member of the Union Congregational Church in Rockville most of her life. Gloria raised two daughters with her first husband, Edmund Ciscen. After working many jobs in Rockville, and Director of Administrative Services at the Hartford County Medical Association, she and her second husband Stan moved from Newington, CT to retire to Brooksville, Florida. Gloria enjoyed traveling, gardening, painting, needlework and was a talented pianist, loving wife, mother and grandmother. Edmund and Stan preceded her in death. Survivors: daughters Martha Kaselis (Peter) of MA, and Deborah Baumgardner (Jeff) of VA, step- son Robert Wolinski of CT, step-daughter-in law Laura Van Dine, step-daughters Carol Mizuba of CA and Janice Carrasquilla (Ernest) of CT, four grandchildren Cynthia Kaselis, Samantha Wolinski (Mike), Jessica Wolinski, and Michelle Mizuba, dear cousin Marilyn Powers, and many nieces and nephews.

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Hefland, Arnold



Arnold Hefland of West Hartford, passed away at age 102 on Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Hebrew Center in West Hartford, CT. Arnold was born in Dartmouth, MA to the late Harry and Gussie (Rosovsky) Hefland. Arnold served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was the founder and owner of Arnold Machine Company in Glastonbury, CT servicing the aerospace and defense industries as well as many others. He retired in the 1970's to enjoy playing golf and tennis, watching Red Sox games, constructing home projects, nurturing his grandchildren as he watched them grow up and sharing entertaining anecdotes of his life on the farm and afterwards. He leaves two sons Mark Hefland married to Batya Harel of North Potomac, MD and Neil Hefland married to Jacquelyn of West Hartford. He has five grandchildren, Steven, his wife Alena, Gayle, her fiancé David, Todd, Leeran, and Omree as well as his great grandsons, Ben-David and Chase. Arnold is also survived by three sisters Sophie Hefland of North Dartmouth, MA, Lila Galensky of Cheyenne, WY, and Florence Hein of Kensington, MD. Arnold was predeceased by his wife Minnie Hefland after 60 wonderful years of marriage and by his siblings Edith, Samuel, Thomas, Barney, Elliot, Howard, and Milton Hefland and Janet Deaner and Ida Glickman. Funeral services will be held graveside, 10:00 am, Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery at 74 Wolcott Rd. Simsbury, CT (East Granby). Mourners are invited to Neil and Jacquelyn's home immediately following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Anti-Defamation League or the charity of your choice. For further information, directions, or to share memories of Arnold with his family please visit [www.weinsteinmortuary.com](http://www.weinsteinmortuary.com).

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In Loving Memory Of  
ANDREW A. SORRENTINO



July 12, 2000 - May 6, 2018

Four years ago today you earned your wings and we know you're wearing them proudly. Keep soaring with the other angels & Big Stitch, and don't forget to drop in on us now & then. We miss you every moment of every day - and we love you so much big! Mom, Dad & Adam

In Loving Memory Of  
MY MOM MARIE HELEN VENORA



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Hi Mom - I miss you!! It's been 2yrs today since God called you home. We were all heartbroken to lose our beautiful Mother. I miss all of our wonderful adventures together. You were always so much fun. I especially loved our lunch trips to Elizabeth Park and going to The Vine in Waterbury. I'll always cherish my memories of you forever. Happy Mother's Day on Sunday too! It will never be the same without you. Happy Mother's Day to Maxine too! I love you forever, Lisa xoxo

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





























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## Business lobbyists point to few wins

As legislative session ends, CBIA leader blames too much time ‘on defense’ against union-backed bills

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

In a year when businesses may feel bruised following several run-ins with the General Assembly’s Democratic majority, their lobbyists can point to a few wins in the 2022 legislative session that just ended.

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, credited the legislature for leveraging a signif-

icant budget surplus to pay down unfunded pension liabilities and provide tax relief to residents. It will bring relief to businesses looking for a strong fiscal outlook for the state and no tax increases in the offing, he said.

“That was a smart use of budget surplus dollars and a reminder of the crucial role the 2017 bipartisan fiscal reforms played in getting us to this point,” DiPentima said.

It’s a stark contrast to two rounds of tax increases in the

Malloy administration and strongly opposed by business, he said.

Overall, the three-month legislative session that ended at midnight Wednesday was largely a “disappointment for employers, particularly small businesses,” DiPentima said.

Eric Gjede, CBIA’s vice president of public policy, said employer groups “spent too much of the session on defense trying to address legislation that fails to address the labor shortage and undermines our recovery.”

As an example of its legislative blocking, CBIA said it thwarted

union-backed bills such as allowing striking workers to tap unemployment insurance after two weeks on the picket line and regulations of workplace schedules.

The legislature’s Democratic leadership pushed back, defending their legislation as a modest defense of workers’ rights or advancing economic growth. The Connecticut AFL-CIO, the state’s federation of unions, calls Connecticut the “most unequal” state even as it is among the wealthiest.

Businesses lost a high-profile fight over legislation that prohibits employers from requiring work-

ers to attend workplace meetings where politics and religion are discussed. Democrats say it’s intended to shield workers from anti-union messages during organizing drives and businesses say it’s overly broad and would make it difficult for managers to freely discuss company policy.

DiPentima said he hopes Gov. Ned Lamont vetoes the legislation, sending a message to the legislature’s Labor and Public Employees Committee to tap the brakes on legislation that businesses see as favoring organized labor at the

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### CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## Most of state now in red zone

145 out of 169 towns have positive test rate of more than 10%

Staff report

Nearly all of Connecticut is in the red zone for COVID-19 infections, with more than 15 cases per 100,000 people and a positivity rate of more than 10%, according to state data released Thursday.

According to Connecticut guidance, residents in red zones — 145 out of 169 towns — should limit close contact with people outside their households and wear a mask indoors in public places.

Still, mask mandates have been dropped for both schools and public buildings, and the increase in cases has had little impact on public life.

The reason is immunity, said Dr. Virginia Bieluch, chief of Infectious Diseases at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, in a Hartford HealthCare podcast Thursday.

“We have baseline level of immunity in the community, either because of prior infection or vaccination, and people who have prior immunity tend not to get as sick and require hospitalization as people who have no immunity,” Bieluch said.

“In addition, we have pills right now that can be administered to people to prevent decline and an effective monoclonal antibody that can be used to prevent people from getting sick,” she said. “I think this all represents progress we’ve made in controlling this pandemic.”

Connecticut has reported 6,420 cases in the past seven days out of 62,002 tests, for a positivity rate of 10.35% — the highest since late January when the omicron surge began to abate.

That winter surge of cases has given many in Connecticut

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Katie Heffernan Farrell shares her story as a breast cancer survivor at the Capitol in Hartford before Rep. Dorinda Borer, left, introduced a bill mandating health insurers expand coverage of breast and ovarian cancer screening and treatment. COURTESY

## Removing financial barriers in fight against breast cancer

Bill that mandates expanded insurance coverage of diagnosis, treatment passes

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Jan Kritzman’s mother and aunt had breast cancer. All of her great aunts died of breast cancer. “That was in the ‘50s and ‘60s, when no one talked about it. They’d say ‘shhh, the big C,’ but they wouldn’t say C, they’d make it with their hands,” Kritzman said.

So Kritzman knew getting breast cancer “wasn’t a matter of

if, but when.” When she was 65, she got a mammogram. The technician told Kritzman she didn’t see anything but because she had dense breasts, a follow-up ultrasound would give her a more accurate assessment.

That ultrasound found cancer and the early detection saved her life.

Ten years later, Kritzman, of Newington, is alive and well and a prominent activist on behalf of

people with breast cancer. She is rejoicing this week, as a bill that she helped promote was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly.

SB358, introduced by State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115th District, West Haven) mandates that insurance companies cover diagnostic ultrasounds, which are often needed after inconclusive diagnostic mammograms, especially in women with dense breasts.

“The earliest possible detection is only achieved if there are no financial barriers,” Kritzman said.

Julie Gershon of Avon, a breast radiologist, submitted written testimony on the bill when it was in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

“I see patients daily who present with breast symptoms requiring a diagnostic work up. The majority

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*“Nothing ... elicits more of a feeling of desperation than when someone is worried [but] does not have the resources to be evaluated. Nothing is more hopeless or terrifying.”*

— Katie Heffernan Farrell, breast cancer survivor from West Haven

## For grads, it’s back to normal

With a few precautions, most colleges ready for traditional ceremonies

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

After two years of pandemic-fueled changes, graduation ceremonies will look a bit more normal at Connecticut universities this month.

UConn returns to Gampel Pavilion and the Jorgensen Center this weekend, Yale students get to invite guests again, and Wesleyan holds its first full-scale commencement and reunion weekend since 2019.

Schools have been trying to bring back their traditional ceremonies ever since the devastating first wave of COVID-19 did away with nearly all in-person gatherings in the spring of 2020.

Lockdowns were lifted well before last May so the Class of 2021 generally fared a bit better. But pandemic restrictions still



UConn Class of 2020 graduates sit socially distanced during a makeup ceremony at Rentschler Field in May 2021. COURANT FILE PHOTO

limited group sizes and led many schools to restrict guests, divide commencement into several sections or move it outdoors.

This month, though, most Connecticut universities and colleges are back to offering their traditional commencements with relatively minor changes. Students

were predictably ecstatic when those decisions were announced earlier in the year, and they aren’t alone in welcoming back more normalcy.

“I’m as excited as I could be that we’re back

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## Eversource mulling end to wind venture

After offshore lease auction brings record prices, it may shift spending to boost electric, gas, water

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

Eversource Energy, eyeing blockbuster offshore wind leases, says it is reviewing its future in an offshore wind power partnership and may shift billions of dollars to strengthening its electric, gas and water systems.

It committed \$225 million to a 50-50 partnership with Danish energy company Ørsted in 2019. Eversource Chief Executive Officer Joe Nolan now says recent winning bids of \$4.4 billion — the largest ever — from six companies in a February offshore lease auction prompt a review of its continued offshore energy work.

“In light of the record-setting prices in the recent federal lease auction . . . and an evolving landscape, we are conducting a

fulsome review of our interest in the joint venture with Ørsted to assess alternatives that will allow us to create shareholder value and continue building a leading clean energy company that is wholly supportive of our region’s climate change goals,” he said late Wednesday.

If the company decides to sell all or part of Eversource’s interest in the venture, it expects potential proceeds would likely be used to bolster its electric, gas and water systems. The review will be completed this year.

Eversource has identified more than \$18 billion in investments it plans for its systems between now and 2026. Some potential additional initiatives, such as advanced metering infrastructure and

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Windham man suffers state’s first case of tick-borne Powassan virus

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

A Connecticut man has tested positive for the tick-borne Powassan virus, the state’s first case of the year. The unidentified Windham resident, who is in his 50s, became ill at the end of March, the state Department of Public Health announced Wednesday. Tests performed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Laboratory in Fort Collins, Colorado, confirmed the presence of antibodies to the virus. The patient was hospitalized with a central nervous system disease and had a known tick bite, officials said. He has been discharged and is recovering at home. From 2017 to 2021, 12 cases of Powassan virus-associated illness were reported in Connecticut, including three in 2021. Of those total cases, two were fatal. “The identification of a Connecticut resident with Powassan virus-associated illness emphasizes the need to take actions to prevent tick bites from now through the late fall,” state Health Commissioner Dr.

Manisha Juthani said. “Using insect repellent, avoiding areas where ticks are likely and checking carefully for ticks after being outside can reduce the chance of you or your children being infected with this virus.” The virus usually is spread through the bite of an infected black-legged or deer tick, the same parasite that transmits Lyme disease. It takes a week to one month after the bite for a person to develop symptoms of a Powassan virus-associated disease. The virus can be transmitted in as little as 15 minutes after the tick first attaches. While most people infected with the virus likely experience no symptoms or a mild flu-like illness, some people will develop severe illness affecting the central nervous system. About one out of 10 cases of severe illness are fatal and about half of survivors experience long-term health problems. Severe cases may begin with fever, vomiting, headache, or weakness and rapidly progress to confusion, loss of coordination, difficulty speaking or seizures. There is no vaccine nor a specific treatment

for Powassan virus-associated illness. Severe illness is treated by supportive therapy which may include hospitalization, respiratory support, and hydration. Ticks are a growing menace in Connecticut, spreading Lyme disease and other serious maladies as continued warming allows the blood-sucking parasites to survive and thrive. State scientist and tick expert Goudarz Molaei of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has called the tick situation in Connecticut “a major public health concern.” Compared with past years, Molaei said Tuesday, many more ticks were sent to the Experiment Station’s testing laboratory in 2021, mostly deer ticks that may carry Lyme disease. Submissions last year from residents, health departments and physicians’ offices totaled 5,685 ticks, compared with an annual average of 3,000 submissions. So far this year, Molaei said, the lab has received 641 tick submissions.

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increased protection against the virus, but immunity wanes over time, Bieluch said, recommending that people discuss with their doctors whether they should receive a second booster shot. According to the state data released Thursday, while more than 3 million residents had received at least one dose and 2.7 million had been fully vaccinated (defined as receiving two shots of Pfizer or Moderna, or one J&J), just 1.5 million had been recorded as having received a booster shot and 159,280 as having had a second booster. Currently people over 50

and those with special conditions are approved to receive a second booster shot. Two hundred thirty-three patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19; of these, 82 are fully vaccinated and none have been admitted this week. Many of those patients, officials say, are “incidental” cases, meaning they were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival. There have been 18 deaths associated with the coronavirus in Connecticut this past week, for a total of 10,858 since the pandemic began. There have been 996,886 deaths from the coronavirus in the United States, according to Johns Hopkins University.

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additional transmission spending to connect offshore wind projects through Cape Cod, are not yet reflected in its long-term forecast, Eversource said. “We have concluded that now is an appropriate time to explore monetization of our offshore wind investments,” Nolan told investors Thursday on a conference call reviewing first-quarter financial results. Shares of Eversource ended the day up 1.4%, at \$89.82 as broader markets fell sharply. Connecticut approved a \$157 million project in February 2020 to redevelop the State Pier in New London into a wind energy hub. The cost has since grown to nearly \$236 million as of February. An original completion date of August will now be next January. Gov. Ned Lamont said he does not believe that if Eversource quits the project, “it will mean anything in terms of the State Pier and wind power.” “Ørsted has got the resources to do this,” the governor said at a Capitol news conference Thursday. David Hardy, CEO of Ørsted Offshore North America, said

Eversource has been a “valuable local partner” and the lucrative offshore auction results demonstrate that the joint business venture has “expanded, matured and appreciated.” Joint projects include Revolution Wind, Connecticut’s first offshore wind farm, at 704 megawatts to Connecticut and Rhode Island; South Fork Wind that’s under construction and would provide 130 megawatts to New York; and Sunrise Wind, supplying 924 megawatts to New York. The two companies also have an open lease area 25 miles off the south coast of Massachusetts. Daniel Rich, an analyst at CFRA Research, said in a client note the offshore wind investment could support Eversource’s longer-term earnings growth with above-average returns and help it meet its net-zero carbon emissions goal for 2030. He said selling its wind power interest would allow Eversource to “reorient capital spending” to its regulated utilities and could reduce risk for Eversource created by uncertainty over clean energy tax credits in President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better legislation that has stalled in Congress. Stephen Singer can be reached at [ssinger@courant.com](mailto:ssinger@courant.com).

Guilford Walmart to close due to weak sales

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

The Walmart store in Guilford is due to close on May 20 due to “underperformance,” affecting about 100 workers. A notice to the Connecticut Department of Labor says employees of the store at 900 Boston Post Road will have the chance to take jobs at other Walmart locations. Those who do not will be terminated, the notice said. Employees were alerted to the closure on April 19. There is no union represen-

tative, recall or bumping rights, according to the notice from Walmart market manager Albin Shkreli. A Walmart spokesperson could not be reached immediately, but a town of Guilford Facebook post said the store is being shut down due to “underperformance.” The store will close to customers on May 20, and clearance sales were planned to sell as much of the remaining merchandise as possible, according to the town. The store is among several Walmart locations nationwide due to close soon for relatively

poor performance, including stores in Ohio, Kentucky and Washington state, according to news reports. Walmart’s website lists 28 stores in Connecticut. The Arkansas-based company operates about 10,500 stores and clubs under 46 banners in 24 countries and eCommerce websites. The company employs 2.3 million workers around the world, including 1.6 million in the U.S., according to the site. Jesse Leavenworth can be reached at [jleavenworth@courant.com](mailto:jleavenworth@courant.com)

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expense of small business. Legislation that in previous years advanced from the Labor Committee generally died before the legislature adjourned, while more of the committee’s bills now end up on the governor’s desk, DiPentima said. He also criticized lawmakers for budgeting \$40 million

for the state’s federal unemployment loan debt, or 8% of the \$495 million balance. DiPentima called it a “major missed opportunity to support small businesses.” “State and federal unemployment taxes will jump 22% by 2026, money better invested by employers in addressing the labor force crisis, the biggest threat to Connecticut’s economic recovery,” CBIA said. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz said at a Capitol news conference Thurs-

day that business will benefit from expanded child care and increased funding to help women return to the workforce after dropping out during the pandemic. The budget includes more than \$150 million, much in federal pandemic rescue funding, for the state Office of Early Childhood. The CBIA and many business groups backed legislation that increased child care funding. Employees who are generally low-paid, are “the workforce

behind the workforce,” DiPentima said. Gov. Ned Lamont said business will benefit from federal money for public works, particularly transportation, that’s beginning to flow into Connecticut. The state must put up 20% to 30% “so we’re being very careful getting to the front of the line when it comes to competitive bids,” he said at a Capitol news conference Thursday. The goal is to shave 15 minutes

off the MetroNorth Railroad commute from Stamford to New York and the return trip, the governor said. Businesses see as a clear win an apprenticeship tax credit extension for manufacturers that lawmakers tucked into the state budget sent to Lamont for his signature. It was vetoed by then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in 2018. Stephen Singer can be reached at [ssinger@courant.com](mailto:ssinger@courant.com).

Colleges

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in person,” said Professor Paul Gilson of UConn’s business school. “It will be fantastic, a great closure to the year.” UConn’s 2020 commencement was all virtual, and last year’s was held at Rentschler Field to avoid crowds indoors at the usual Gampel and Jorgensen venues. Gilson is thrilled that the Storrs campus will be back to normal when UConn’s consecutive days of ceremonies begin Saturday. “There’s something special about Mother’s Day — the campus will be busy, all the students in gowns are walking around,” said Gilson, who began teaching at UConn in 2000. “My class roster has about 200 seniors, so this means a lot to me. You can walk around and get pictures with the students and their parents,” Gilson said. “You see the students for years, and they change a lot between 18 and 21 — seeing them graduate and meeting their parents completes that circle.” At UConn’s College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, Associate Dean Sandra Bushmich is also looking forward to the week-end. “This year the students will get the whole in-person experience. We have wonderful speakers, the faculty and staff will get to participate,” said Bushmich, who will be retiring this summer after 34 years at UConn. “To be able to meet with some of the students and their families is so exciting and rewarding. It means so much to be able to see the students reach this milestone,” she said. “A lot of our students are first-generation, and it’s especially exciting if it’s your child who is the



The UConn Class of 2020 celebrate during their commencement ceremony at Rentschler Field on May 8, 2021, in East Hartford. COURANT FILE PHOTO

first one to graduate,” Bushmich said. “I was first-generation myself. My parents thought if you didn’t go to the ceremony, you didn’t get the diploma. So I realized way back then how important ceremony is to people.” Bushmich is comfortable with spacious Gampel as the venue, but she will wear a mask and is asking her school’s faculty and staff to wear masks, too. “A lot of people will be together. I want us to be the example,” she said. “Some students, some faculty and staff aren’t coming because of COVID. You have to be respect of all the different opinions. It’s a difficult dance.” The university said it is strongly encouraging everyone to mask up,

and all ceremonies in the UConn Health departments will require masks. At Yale, the 321st commencement will be May 23 at the Old Campus, and for the first time since the pandemic began, students are welcome to invite guests. And on May 14, Yale is inviting 2020 graduates to a commencement-style ceremony to make up for the one that was canceled that year, when the event was entirely online. Yale notes that graduates and guests are required to be vaccinated and boosted. Wesleyan’s commencement is May 22 at Andrus Field, part of its first in-person reunion and commencement weekend since 2019. Everything in 2020 was

virtual, and the alumni reunion last year was online. Like Yale, Wesleyan requires graduates and guests at this year’s ceremony to be fully vaccinated. For the second year, Central Connecticut State University will conduct its ceremony at Arute Field. Before the pandemic, commencement was done at the XL Center in Hartford, and last year’s ceremony was divided into four sections over a weekend — two on Saturday, two on Sunday — to reduce crowd sizes. This year CCSU will hold just two ceremonies, both on May 14. “In returning the event to campus last May, we realized how very special and meaningful it is to celebrate the culmination of our

students’ hard work on our home turf,” according to a CCSU statement. “Arute Field also allows the university’s efforts to safely accommodate as many graduating students and their guests as possible.” Trinity College’s 196th commencement is May 22 at the Main Quad and should be fairly similar to the 2021 ceremony except for one significant change. Last year, commencement also included 2020 graduates whose ceremony had been postponed because of the emergency coronavirus restrictions. Similarly, the University of Hartford anticipates its May 15 commencement at the XL Center will be pretty much back to normal. Last year, it hosted both the classes of 2020 and 2021 at the XL Center, and had to extend the ceremony over two days and across five separate sessions to accommodate social distancing and other COVID-10 precautions. The University of New Haven’s commencement is May 15 at the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater in Bridgeport. Last year, the school required all graduates and guests to provide either proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test result; this year’s protocol is a bit looser. “Guests who are not fully vaccinated (including a booster dose, if eligible) are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to commencement,” UNH advises. Quinnipiac University hosts ceremonies May 14 to 16 at the Mount Carmel campus quad, and the University of Saint Joseph’s commencement is set for May 14 at the XL Center. Don Stacom can be reached at [dstacom@courant.com](mailto:dstacom@courant.com).

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# Attorney charged in fatal shooting

Claiming self-defense, Litchfield lawyer allegedly was accosted outside office by ‘enraged’ attacker

By **Jesse Leavenworth**  
Hartford Courant

A Connecticut attorney who claimed self-defense in the shooting death last year of a man who attacked him outside a Litchfield law office has been charged with first-degree manslaughter, state police said Thursday.

Police say Robert Fisher, 75, of Goshen, shot and killed Matthew Bromley, 39, of Torrington on June 7, 2021. Fisher turned himself in Wednesday. He posted bail of \$50,000 and is due in court on May 23, police said.

In his sworn statement, Fisher told police that he left his office in Washington Depot in the late afternoon headed to the offices of Cramer & Anderson on West Street in Litchfield, where he also worked. After reaching the Bantam section of town on Route 202, Fisher said he noticed the driver of a Saab sedan following him, sometimes closely.

When Fisher pulled his black Audi into the driveway of the West Street office, the other driver also pulled over and ran over to Fisher’s car, police said Fisher told them. Fisher said he opened his door and started to get out, but the other man punched him in the face while he was still seated. The infuriated man was spewing obscenities and saying Fisher had ruined his life and would “burn in hell,” Fisher said, according to the warrant.

“His face was totally angry,

enraged and he seemed crazed to me,” Fisher said, according to the warrant. “I immediately became fearful for my safety and my life and knew I needed to defend myself.

“I managed to release my seat belt and pivot left while still seated,” he continued. “I kicked him and pushed him back as best I could, causing him to go backwards towards his car, and I was able to get out of my car. I wanted to get out of my car because I felt trapped in my car, did not know if he had a weapon, and did not want him to start attacking me again while I had no ability to escape safely or defend myself.”

Fisher said Bromley, whom he did not know, told him he was going to kill him and repeated that Fisher had ruined his life, according to the warrant. Fisher said he asked, “Who are you?” and “How did I ruin your life?”

Bromley did not answer, but continued shouting, charging at Fisher and spitting in his face, the warrant says Fisher told police.

“It was at this point when I realized that he was not going to stop attacking me,” Fisher said in his sworn statement. “I am nearly 75 years old with physical limitations and was fearful he was going to knock me to the ground leaving me completely helpless.

“I had tried to defuse the situation several times; however, he had already demonstrated that he was young, quick, and aggressive,” Fisher continued, according to

the warrant. “I then took my gun (a Ruger 9 mm handgun) out of my right pants pocket and pointed it at his chest, engaged the red laser dot to make it clear to him that I had a gun, and shouted ‘Back off!’

“I pulled my gun because I did not want him to keep attacking me and expected he would back off and stop; however, he immediately charged me again, grabbing my right forearm that held the gun,” police say Fisher told them.

“After a brief struggle over the gun,” he continued, “I shot him. After I shot him, he stumbled back a few feet and collapsed on his back. I put my gun on the roof of my car and used my cell phone to call 911. Law enforcement personnel arrived within minutes.”

Bromley was shot in the head between his left eye and temple.

Witnesses corroborated some of Fisher’s account, police said, but the two eyewitnesses to the confrontation did not back Fisher’s statement that Bromley had grabbed for the older man’s gun or that there was a struggle over the weapon, according to the warrant. Both witnesses, in fact, said Bromley’s hands were at his sides when he was shot, police said.

“I’d like to add,” one witness was quoted in the warrant as saying, “that I don’t believe that this is self-defense because the younger male did not have a weapon. I think the older male could’ve punched the other guy and settled it that way rather than shooting him.

“It just didn’t seem like it was that violent of an attack,” the witness said, according to the warrant. “The attack looked like a wrestling match because the older

male was defending himself pretty well from the punches.”

The warrant, however, also says that gunshot residue was found on Bromley’s right hand.

Connecticut law on self defense says a person is justified in using reasonable physical force to defend himself or a third person “from what he reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of physical force.” However, use of deadly force is allowed only when a person reasonably believes that another person is using or about to use deadly force or is inflicting or about to inflict great bodily harm.

A person is not justified in using deadly force if he knows he “can avoid the necessity of using such force with complete safety by retreating,” except that a person is not required to retreat inside his home.

Although Fisher initially said he did not know Bromley, an employee of the Litchfield law office said she remembered Bromley calling the office and asking to speak to Fisher around the last week of May, according to the warrant. Apparently, the witness said, Bromley was trying to buy his mother’s home, which was in foreclosure. She said she overheard Fisher telling Bromley that he did not handle foreclosures, the warrant said.

“Robert wished him good luck finding an attorney and the call ended,” the woman told police. “After the call, Robert said something along the lines of, ‘That guy was crazy.’“

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# Helping released felons get jobs

Bill making it easier to gain professional licenses heads to gov.

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CT Mirror

The Senate has given final passage to a bill making it easier for people with criminal records to obtain professional licenses in their chosen careers.

“My opinion has always been that if you commit a crime in this state and you are sentenced and you serve your sentence to its completion, then I don’t believe you should be held to any higher account when it comes to occupational licensing,” said Sen. Rob Sampson, R-Wolcott.

The bill requires licensing agencies to consider three things when denying a person’s licensure based on a felony conviction: the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the individual’s ability to perform the associated duties of the job; information about the person’s rehabilitation; and the time passed since a person’s conviction or release from prison.

The bill passed 35-1 in the Senate, with Sen. Paul Cicarella, R-Wallingford, casting the only no vote. It was approved by the House on April 21 on a 138-9 vote. It now heads to Gov. Ned Lamont.

The measure is a result of a yearslong effort to ease the burdens the formerly incarcerated face after they serve their sentences or complete their time in state supervision.

State Sen. Julie Kushner, D-Danbury, co-chair of the Labor and Public Employees Committee and co-chair of the council that has studied these issues since 2019, was the proponent of the bill. Kushner said the state has an obligation to address the challenges faced by people with criminal records when they try to reenter the workforce.

“I learned that, in fact, there are over 550 statutory obstacles for persons who have been formerly incarcerated in our state laws and that many of those have expired,” Kushner said. “In the sense that they’re no longer relevant or valid, and they just make it harder for a person who’s been incarcerated to reenter and establish themselves.”

Sampson said he understood why there would be concerns about the bill, but said people who serve their time should be able to “return back into society’s good graces.”

Cicarella said he couldn’t support the bill because he was worried people who committed dangerous, violent crimes would gain licensure in fields that would put them in a position to inflict further harm on vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and children.

“I am a huge advocate for workforce development and second chances, and I was hoping to get some answers to the concerns that there was a way to protect the general public,” Cicarella said.

Manuel Sandoval, a Smart Justice Leader with the ACLU of Connecticut, said he respects Cicarella’s concerns but thinks it distracts from the overall benefits of the bill.

“That’s one hypothetical versus a million people that are gonna be able to get jobs now that wouldn’t have been able to get jobs otherwise,” Sandoval said. “If we can get employed, then we don’t have to be worrying about housing, we don’t have to worry about not getting good jobs.”

Sandoval, who is hoping to become a licensed clinical social worker and is currently studying for the exam, said, thanks to this bill, those previously incarcerated, like he was, will be able to help people with similar life experiences.

“I will be able to help my community, which has been previously impacted, previously disenfranchised,” he said. “I have a lived experience that people that have books don’t. They can only read what I’ve been through in books, where I can actually relate and lead with empathy and compassion.”

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# Farmers market puts community front and center

Locally sourced produce and products coming to Blue Back Square starting on Father’s Day

By **Susan Dunne**  
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — A West Hartford couple with a passion for locally grown produce is bringing a new farmers market to Blue Back Square, opening on Father’s Day, June 19, and running every Sunday from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. through Oct. 23 in the town hall parking lot at 50 S. Main St.

“As both foodies and community supporters, we always seek out and prefer to purchase locally sourced produce and products — they simply taste better and last longer,” said Mary Collins, co-manager of Blue Back Farmers’ Market, in a press release. “West Hartford is the perfect access point for Certified Connecticut Grown farmers and other vendors since the town is literally located in the middle of the state.”

Collins, who founded the market with her husband, Scott Franklin, says “many of us have felt ‘closed for the season’ since the start of the pandemic. What better time to re-open ourselves and our community life?”

The market’s 20 vendors will include organic and conventionally grown foods from such farms as Barden Farm of New Hartford, Clatter Ridge and Sub Edge in Farmington, George Hall Farm of Simsbury, and Sweet Acre of Lebanon and Lyric Hill of Granby. Specialty vendors selling everything from linens to micro greens will rotate in each week to create a variety, Collins and Franklin said.

Each Sunday will also feature live music and other entertainment, such as art demos; programs on composting and recycling; appearances by chefs, nutritionists and authors; story-sharing



Blue Back Farmers’ Market’s 20 vendors will include organic and conventionally grown foods. **COURTESY**

opportunities for veterans and seniors; a pet-friendly event in August.

Jim Lenn will perform acoustic music on opening day. Bill Benson will perform on June 26. Jeff Blaney will perform on July 3. For updates on events and a full list of vendors, visit [bluebackfarmersmarket.org](http://bluebackfarmersmarket.org).

West Hartford is home to another farmers market on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corners of the corner of LaSalle and Arapahoe roads. Vendors and more information at [whfarmersmarket.com](http://whfarmersmarket.com).

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# 3 finalists to be interviewed for top prosecutor

Associated Press

ROCKY HILL — A state commission is set to interview three finalists for Connecticut’s top prosecutor job next week to succeed Richard Colangelo, who retired in March following an investigation that questioned his hiring of a budget official’s daughter.

The Criminal Justice Commis-

sion has scheduled a May 12 meeting to question the chief state’s attorney candidates, who include veteran state prosecutors Dawn Gallo, Patrick Griffin and Sharmese Walcott.

After the interviews, the panel is slated to take public comment on the finalists and appoint one of them to the post.

Gallo retired last month as the

Litchfield state’s attorney, capping a 24-year career as a state prosecutor.

Griffin is now the New Haven state’s attorney and has been a state prosecutor since 1995. Walcott was appointed Hartford state’s attorney in 2020 and started her state prosecutor career in 2007.

Colangelo decided in February to retire on March 31 rather than face potential termination hear-

ings before the Criminal Justice Commission.

The commission was considering such hearings after an independent investigation ordered by Gov. Ned Lamont cast “doubt on the integrity” of Colangelo’s 2020 hiring of the daughter of the budget official while pushing that official for pay raises for high-ranking state’s attorneys. Colangelo denied wrongdoing.

# Cancer

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of these patients will receive bills for charges not covered by insurance. It seems only just that all patients, whether asymptomatic or symptomatic, should be entitled to appropriate breast care and imaging, in order to exclude breast cancer,” Gershon wrote. “It is sad to think that there are women delaying care, as they do not wish to pay for diagnostic testing.”

Breast cancer survivor Katie Heffernan Farrell of West Haven, in her committee testimony, said, “Nothing ... elicits more of a feeling of desperation than when someone is worried [but] does not have the resources to be evaluated. Nothing is more hopeless or terrifying.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, breast cancer has an almost 99% survival rate, when caught early, but a 27% survival rate when caught in advanced stages.

In 2019, the state mandated coverage for ultrasounds recommended

by doctors to back up routine annual mammogram screenings. Most women start getting annual mammograms after age 40. Kritzman’s enthusiastic activism also contributed to the passage of that bill. The new legislation extends the coverage to diagnostic procedures, for people of any age who find a lump or have reason to believe — from family history, medical history or doctor’s analysis — that they are predisposed to breast cancer.

The bill also mandates coverage for MRIs, biopsies, prophylactic (preventative) mastectomies and breast reconstruction surgery, as well as routine ovarian cancer screenings. It passed the Senate on April 26 and the House on May 3. The mandate, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2023, applies to certain commercial health insurance policies.

“Connecticut was the first state in the country to require that people with dense breasts be told that they have dense breasts after a mammogram, so they know they might want to get an ultrasound, too. But

Connecticut was one of the last to equalize the coverage of ultrasound and mammogram for screening,” Borer said of the 2019 legislation.

“But we knew we needed to revisit the issue and come back because there was a gap in the diagnostic area,” she said. “Insurance companies were not recognizing that diagnostic needed to be covered as well.”

Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw, who represents Avon and Canton, expressed her support of SB358 with a personal story. Years ago, she found a lump in her breast. She got a mammogram.

“I was told the mammogram was not enough. The doctor said, ‘I’ll send you for an ultrasound,’” DeGraw said. “That was all well and good, but it wasn’t covered.”

She fought the insurance company and lost. She had to pay about \$500 out of pocket.

“It just adds insult to injury to say, you’ve got to go in for more tests and by the way, the test is incredibly expensive,” she said.

The testing determined that

DeGraw’s lump was not cancer.

Years later, while on the campaign trail, she heard women tell similar stories. “One woman told me she was charged per breast, \$300 each,” she said.

The CDC estimates about half of women have dense breasts, which reflects the amount of fibrous and glandular tissue compared with fatty tissue. As seen on a mammogram, breast density has a tendency to hide cancerous growths.

As Kritzman said “when you have dense breasts, your mammogram looks like a snowstorm. And you’re looking for one snowflake.”

According to the website of Are You Dense?, a Connecticut-based advocacy group for people with dense breasts, “a mammogram detects 98% of cancers in women with fatty breasts, it finds only 48% in women with the densest breasts.”

Borer ensured that the bill uses gender-neutral language. “Men get breast cancer, too,” she said.

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# BUSINESS

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## US boards still far whiter than overall population

Diversity push making more public firms transparent on racial breakdown

By Stan Choe  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amid the push to get U.S. boardrooms to look more like companies' customers and employees, advocates are finally seeing just how steep the task will be. Boards of directors at publicly traded U.S. companies are much more white and much less diverse than the overall population, often starkly so. Just 2.7% of directors at the start of the year were Hispanic, for example. That would need to soar to 18.5% to mirror the U.S. population.

Outside of looking at a photograph of each director, it hasn't always been easy to measure racial diversity on corporate boards. On Thursday, executive data firm Equilar released its first racial breakdown of boards for companies in the Russell 3000 index, which covers about 97% of all investable U.S. stocks.

The survey found only 6.2% of directors are Black, versus 13.4% of the country. And the 5% of directors who are of Asian or Pacific islander descent also fell short

of the 6.1% for the entire U.S. population.

Equilar pulled the numbers from a range of sources, including company disclosures, data from affiliate networks and lists of influential executives from racial and ethnic minorities. Its results are similar to the disproportionate representation found in other surveys of more limited groups.

Executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles earlier this week released its roundup of boards at a smaller group of companies, those in the Fortune 500. It found that Black directors hold 26% of board seats, while Asian or Asian American directors had 9% and Hispanic directors held 6%.

Bigger companies tend to have more diverse boards than smaller companies. But more across the board are being transparent about the racial breakdown for their board of directors. A big reason is because they're being forced to do so, with pressure coming from stock exchanges, regulators and investors.

At the Nasdaq, for example, a listed company will be required as of Aug. 7, 2023, to either have at least one director consid-

ered "diverse" or explain why it doesn't.

Investors are making similar pushes, arguing that more diverse boards lead to more points of view and better decision-making. They want boards to look more like their employees and customers, which are increasingly diversifying along the country's trends, to better understand them.

"If you're an investor, you're looking for ways that companies can outperform," said Ann Milette, who is both chief diversity officer and head of active equity at Allspring Global Investments. "We generally agree that the more diversity you have on your board, the better performance that you're going to get in the long run."

The push for more racial and ethnic diversity on boards follows years where the focus was mostly on gender. Thursday's numbers from Equilar show how women from racial and ethnic minorities are among the least represented on boards. Just 0.9% of U.S. directors are Hispanic women, for example, half of the already low 1.8% for Hispanic men.

## OPEC+ will keep plan to increase production

Associated Press

LONDON — OPEC and allied oil-producing countries decided Thursday to gradually increase the flows they send to the world, even as Europe's plan to sanction Russian oil threatens to yank millions of barrels off a global market already thirsty for crude.

The cautious approach from the OPEC+ alliance — which includes non-member Russia — will exacerbate a global energy crunch, with prices for oil and the gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel made from it expected to rise further.

At an online meeting, OPEC+ stuck with its road map to gradually open the oil taps, agreeing to add 432,000 barrels per day in June. The plan is to make those regular increases to restore cuts made in 2020 during the worst of the pandemic recession.

The boost in production remains smaller than what the U.S. and other countries are pressing for to ease high prices at the pump.

Analysts from Rystad Energy foresee the global market potentially losing up to 2 million barrels within six months if the 27 European Union countries approve a proposal to sanction Russian oil. Moscow is expected to see production fall after losing its biggest oil customer: Europe.

OPEC has made it clear to European officials that it will not hike production to make up for lost Russian oil. Some members already can't meet their production quotas.

Russia is the world's largest oil exporter with some 12% of global supply, and fears that its oil and natural gas could be cut off have kept energy prices high.

"The oil market has not fully priced in the potential of an EU oil embargo," said Bjornar Tonhaugen, head of oil markets research at Rystad Energy, "so higher crude prices are to be expected in the summer months if it's voted into law."

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## More in US apply to get jobless aid

WASHINGTON — More Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week but the total number of people collecting jobless aid is at its lowest level in more than 50 years.

Jobless claims in the U.S. rose by 19,000 to 200,000 for the week ending April 30, the Labor Department reported Thursday. First-time applications generally reflect the number of layoffs.

The four-week average for claims, which softens some of the weekly volatility, rose 8,000 from the previous week to 188,000.

The total number of Americans collecting jobless benefits for the week ending April 23 fell by 19,000 from the previous week, to 1,384,000. That's the fewest since Jan. 17, 1970.

## 30-year mortgage highest since '09

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates resumed their ascent this week, as the key 30-year loan reached its highest point since 2009.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate rose to 5.27% from 5.1% last week, when it edged down after seven weeks of increases. The average rate stood at 2.96% a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages jumped to 4.52% from 4.4% last week.

With inflation at a four-decade high, rising mortgage rates, elevated home prices and tight supply of homes for sale, homeownership has become less attainable. Some economists suggest home sales this year could decline as much as 10% from 2021 levels.



Workers build homes in Philadelphia on April 5. Rates on home loans have soared this year and are expected to rise further. **MATTHEW ROURKE/AP**

## What Fed's rate hike means

Americans can expect higher borrowing costs as central bank preps for additional increases

By Christopher Rugaber  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Record-low mortgages below 3%, reached last year, are long gone. Credit card rates will likely rise. So will the cost of an auto loan. Savers may finally receive a yield high enough to top inflation.

The half-point hike that the Federal Reserve announced Wednesday in its benchmark short-term rate won't, by itself, have much immediate effect on most Americans' finances. But additional large hikes are expected to be announced at the Fed's next two meetings, in June and July, and economists and investors foresee the fastest pace of rate increases since 1989.

The result could be much higher borrowing costs for households well into the future as the Fed fights the most painfully high inflation in four decades and ends a decadeslong era of historically low rates.

Chair Jerome Powell hopes that by making borrowing more expensive, the Fed will succeed in cooling demand for homes, cars and other goods and services

and thereby slow inflation.

Here are some questions and answers about what the rate hikes could mean for consumers and businesses:

**Q: Will mortgage rates keep going up?**

**A:** Rates on home loans have soared in the past few months, partly in anticipation of the Fed's moves, and will probably keep rising.

Mortgage rates don't necessarily move up in tandem with the Fed's rate increases. Sometimes, they even move in the opposite direction. Long-term mortgages tend to track the yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which, in turn, is influenced by a variety of factors. These include investors' expectations for future inflation and global demand for U.S. Treasuries.

For now, though, faster inflation and strong U.S. economic growth are sending the 10-year Treasury rate up sharply. As a consequence, mortgage rates have jumped 2 full percentage points just since the year began, to 5.1% on average for a 30-year fixed mortgage, according to Freddie Mac, up from 3.1% at the start of 2022.

**Q: How will that affect the housing market?**

**A:** If you're looking to buy a home and are frustrated by the lack of available houses,

which has triggered bidding wars and eye-watering prices, that's unlikely to change anytime soon.

Economists say that higher mortgage rates will discourage some would-be purchasers. And average home prices, which have been soaring at about a 20% annual rate, could at least rise at a slower pace.

**Q: What about other kinds of loans?**

**A:** For users of credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other variable-interest debt, rates would rise by roughly the same amount as the Fed hike, usually within one or two billing cycles. That's because those rates are based in part on banks' prime rate, which moves in tandem with the Fed.

Those who don't qualify for low-rate credit cards might be stuck paying higher interest on their balances. The rates on their cards would rise as the prime rate does.

Should the Fed decide to raise rates by 2 percentage points or more over the next two years — a distinct possibility — that would significantly enlarge interest payments.

The Fed's rate hikes won't necessarily raise auto loan rates as much. Car loans tend to be more sensitive to competition, which can slow the rate of increases.

## Musk lines up \$7B from investors for Twitter

By Michelle Chapman  
and Tom Krisher  
Associated Press

Elon Musk has strengthened the equity stake of his \$44 billion offer to buy Twitter with commitments of more than \$7 billion from a diverse group of investors including Silicon Valley heavy hitters like Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison.

A regulatory filing Thursday also said that Musk is in talks with other parties for additional funding commitments, including former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, the social media platform's second-largest individual stakeholder after Musk.

Ellison, who is also a board member of electric vehicle maker Tesla, is contribut-

ing at \$1 billion. Musk is Tesla's CEO and biggest shareholder.

Other investors include tech investor Sequoia Capital Fund, which pledged \$800 million, and VyCapital, which committed to \$700 million, according to the filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Cryptocurrency trading company Binance is putting up \$500 million.

Also, Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud has pledged 35 million in Twitter shares worth \$1.77 billion, according to the filing.

The 18 investors are a "who's who" list of Wall Street and Silicon Valley investment firms, said Wedbush analyst Dan Ives, who follows Twitter and Tesla. Before Thursday's announcement, Ives gave the deal a

75% chance of closing, but now it's 90% or 95%, he said.

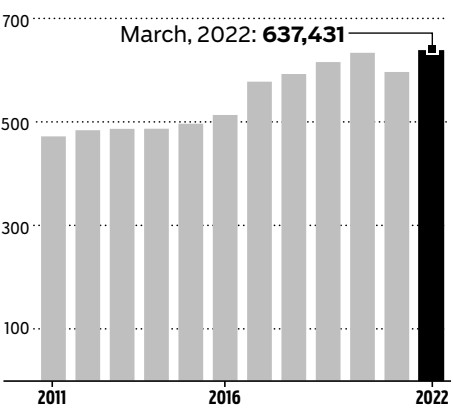
The high-profile investors show "that it's not Musk single-handedly trying to turn around Twitter," Ives said.

Other investors backing Musk are technology venture capitalist Ben Horowitz, who said his firm, known as Andreessen Horowitz or a16z, is putting in \$400 million because it believes in Musk's "brilliance to finally make it what it was meant to be."

"While Twitter has great promise as a public square, it suffers from a myriad of difficult issues ranging from bots to abuse to censorship," Horowitz tweeted Thursday. "Being a public company solely reliant on an advertising business model exacerbates all of these."

### Airline employment

Employment at U.S. passenger airlines, scale in thousands of full-time equivalent jobs in March of each year



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics **TNS**



BUSINESS



Airborne Snow Observatories engineer Dan Berisford cleans a laser snow-mapping device mounted under an airplane last month in Gunnison, Colorado. BRITTANY PETERSON/AP

Western states map snow by air to refine water forecasts

By Brittany Peterson  
Associated Press

GUNNISON, Colo. — At a tiny airport surrounded by mountains, a three-person crew takes off for the inaugural flight above the headwaters of the Colorado River to measure the region's snow by air.

Under the plane is a device that uses lasers, cameras and sensors to map snow and help drought-prone communities improve forecasts of how much water will later fill reservoirs.

The method, developed nearly a decade ago at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, "is the gold standard of snow measurement," said Emily Carbone of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, one of Colorado's largest water providers and the flight's primary funder.

For decades, Western U.S. states have been measuring snow through hundreds of remote sensing sites known as SNOTEL stations, which are operated by the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service. But as climate change causes rising temperatures, snow

at those sites — at around 9,000 feet above sea level — is melting earlier than normal and pushing water managers to look for other ways to fine-tune forecasting methods.

Among the options is a method of aerial snow mapping that gives precise snow measurements across an entire basin.

The flight by Airborne Snow Observatories in mid-April measured the area around the headwaters of the Colorado River. But the hope is to expand the work along the stressed river, said Jeffrey Deems, co-founder of the company.

Paul Miller, a hydrologist at the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center, said "removing uncertainty in one of the data points" can be critical in a water-stressed region.

But Miller noted the limitations of even aerial snow mapping, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars or more per flight and only provide measurements for the day flown. The technology also doesn't account for variables such as air temperature and late-season storms that can affect water supplies.

Others are working on ways to improve snow measurements too. The U.S. Geological Survey is on the ground researching an option that could be more affordable, even if it's not as precise. The agency installed its own remote sensing stations above and below the typical elevation of SNOTEL sites and its laser-equipped drones measured the surrounding area.

Those results could take a couple of months to process since they're still in the testing phase, said Suzanne Paschke, who is managing the project for USGS.

Meanwhile, SNOTEL sites are also undergoing upgrades that could result in more accurate modeling, said Karl Wetlaufer, who helps run the program. In coming years, the federal agency plans to expand the number of sites that include sensors for solar radiation, wind and soil moisture. But the stations still can't be moved to higher elevations, where wind can whip snow around and make it hard to measure, Wetlaufer said.

The newer methods help fill in those data gaps at high elevations.

Jerusalem development plan seen as 'touristic settlement'

By Isabel Kershner  
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — A picturesque ridge in Jerusalem, steeped in ancient history, is a favorite with visitors who come to snap panoramic photographs of the domes and spires of the Old City across a wooded valley below.

Many believe that the ridge is the site of the Hill of Evil Counsel, where, according to Christian tradition, Judas plotted to betray Jesus. In the not-too-distant future, if developers get their way, visitors will be able to glide down from this perch on a zip line into the green valley known as the Peace Forest.

The zip line is one of a number of planned attractions billed as a tourist draw and a way to ease access to sites of historical interest. The developers also envision a cable car, a pedestrian bridge and visitor centers, along with a model farm that has already been built.

But the ridge and the valley beneath it run along the highly delicate seam between predominantly Palestinian East Jerusalem and the mostly Jewish western flank of this contested city. They are part of the historical vista around the Old City walls known as the holy basin, a terrain dotted with archaeological ruins and shrines of all three major monotheistic religions.

Critics say the planned projects will turn what is left of the open, rolling landscape around the Old City into a kind of Disneyland and mar the iconic skyline.

Opponents also see the plans as part of a grander political strategy to erase the line between East and West Jerusalem and strengthen Israel's claim to sovereignty over all of Jerusalem. They say the intent is to emphasize the Jewish



Transit riders move through Jerusalem's Old City in February. Theme park-style projects are slated for an area there known as the holy basin. AMIT ELKAYAM/THE NEW YORK TIMES

history and culture of areas loaded with religious and political sensitivities, and play down their Muslim, Christian or Palestinian character.

The involvement of a private Jewish settler organization has only fueled those concerns.

The developers insist that the plans — some of which have been in the works for years — will pump life back into long-neglected areas.

But they could also upset the delicate balance in Jerusalem, which is always volatile. And most of the projects have been approved in government committees without much public scrutiny, so there has been little discussion about the possible impact.

Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 war and then annexed it, though most countries still consider it occupied territory.

A private Jewish settler organization, the City of David Foundation, or Elad, its Hebrew acronym, is partnering with local and national government agencies to help develop the attractions. Those agencies are providing much of the financing.

Elad is dedicated to the development of what many experts believe to be the biblical City of David and its environs. Its flagship project has been managing the

City of David archaeological site in Silwan, a Palestinian neighborhood in East Jerusalem.

More than three decades ago, Elad began acquiring properties around the site, where excavations began more than a century ago, and moving Jewish families into the houses there.

Doron Spielman, vice president of Elad, said his group works for the benefit of Jews, Christians and Muslims in Jerusalem. Its mission, he said, is "to bring tourists, education and archaeology so someone enters an entire landscape that is biblical and can connect to their historical identity and to their roots, to their DNA."

Some critics have called the projects "touristic settlement," based on Elad's involvement and what appears to be its evolving strategy — cementing Israel's claims to the holy basin by bringing thousands of tourists to the area.

Local Palestinians claim ownership of some of the land now being cleared and landscaped in the Hinnom Valley, which was declared part of the Jerusalem Ramparts national park in 1974. The Israel Nature and Parks Authority, which has partnered with Elad in remodeling the valley, says the ownership of the disputed land has not been determined.

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‘DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS’ ★★ ½

# Raimi drags Marvel universe halfway to hell

By Michael Phillips  
Chicago Tribune

“He makes zombie movies, and he makes superhero movies. And sometimes he makes both in the same movie!”

So says the 12-year-old Marvel Cinematic Universe fan who lives in our house, describing director Sam Raimi’s “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness” after a recent preview screening. Reader, he is on the nose with that assessment. The film is equal parts “Doctor Strange” sequel; harsh “WandaVision” do-over; and for a climax, a festival of undead digital demons who wouldn’t be out of place in Raimi’s “Evil Dead” pictures or his delightfully zingy “Drag Me to Hell.”

This latest MCU bid to keep the MCU going until we’re all moldering underground is not business as usual. It is a paradox: a glumly playful experiment in testing the story limits of multiverse travel, while dramatizing all the wrong ways of dealing with grief, guilt and a broken heart (Strange’s and the Scarlet Witch’s). The script’s a messy sort of mess. There are also clear signs of a nervy director at work.

We begin with a bitter-sweet wedding. Dr. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), who nearly destroyed our world in order to save it from Thanos, attends the nuptials of his one true love (Rachel McAdams), who is marrying another. All of a CGI sudden, a one-eyed giant octopus from another dimension appears on the Manhattan streets below, in violent pursuit of a new character, young America Chavez (Xochitl Gomez).



Actor Benedict Cumberbatch returns as Dr. Stephen Strange in director Sam Raimi’s “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness.” **MARVEL STUDIOS**

This teenager is blessed/cursed with the ability to “dreamwalk” in and out of other universes. And this makes her valuable to Wanda Maximoff, aka the Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen, whose grief has turned to monomaniacal rage). In “Doc Strange 2,” Wanda has lost touch with her better instincts, having availed herself of the “Darkhold,” which sounds like something Baron von Raschke used to try in the wrestling ring. The antidote to the Darkhold is the hallowed Book of the Vishanti, which is the very thing Strange and Chavez are after in the nightmare vision of the prologue. All this determines the fate of the multiverse, while factoring into an audience’s enjoyment of the movie not much at all.

Strange runs into other Stranges in other universes. A zombie Strange returns to life at one point. And at that same point, director Raimi, working from a script by “Loki” screenwriter Michael Waldron, lets loose with the unruly horror/fantasy mashup he has been dying to make all along. Some younger viewers may not like this part, just as some older ones may not, either. I went for it, because it kept the explanatory blah-blah quiet for a bit.

Along the way, Strange and company encounter Baron Mordo (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and his motley Illuminati crew, which pulls a bizarre range of characters from various Marvel franchises for a fast, corpse-strewn detour. The movie’s all detours, really. Chavez

is a major player, but we hardly know her any better by the end. The memory flashback of Chavez’s two mothers implies a same-sex relationship that already has caused some censorship issues for the film’s international rollout. I wish it came to more.

Wanda’s torturous efforts to become a legitimate loving mother in a more accommodating universe takes up a substantial amount of the narrative. It has the effect of sitting on the movie at the expense of working out Dr. Strange’s own storylines, and it seems odd that with so many alternate realities afoot, the movie avoids a happy ending for the Cumberbatch and McAdams characters in one of those realities.

What do I know? I’m just

a mono-universe critic. In flashes, “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness” reveals Raimi at his imaginative best. Some of the visual transitions are striking; the eyeblink edits, for example — Bob Murawski and Tia Nolan co-edited the picture — sending Wanda’s warring selves flying from one universe to another, nearly subliminally, leads to some genuinely impressive disorientation.

Elsewhere, sadly, the exposition dumps are dumpier than usual. Raimi’s heavier, twisted sense of humor, which worked just right in the first two Tobey Maguire “Spider-Man” pictures, feels at odds here with the general tone, and the numbing percentage of effects-driven work guiding this project. The throw-away gags feel a little off, as

when Strange’s trademark cloak attempts to slap its unconscious owner awake.

Is the movie better at its actual messiest, in its passages of pure abstraction? In fact, yes: When the audience goes dreamwalking with the characters, at one point we’re confronted, briefly, with a universe where people turn into primary-colored splashes of paint. At another juncture two characters engage in a battle of literal musical notes, used as a conjurer’s weapons, floating in the air. That’s something new, certainly, requiring composer Danny Elfman, otherwise unengaged, a chance to score something that doesn’t sound like everything else.

From “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” (2018) to “Spider-Man: No Way Home” (2021) to the spider-free “Everything Everywhere All at Once” (2022), the notion of nearly unlimited life choices, at a cost, has caught the wonderment of a populace not so enthralled with the real world at present. The stranger half of “Doc Strange 2” periodically slaps the other half awake. Or maybe the best and strangest version of this movie is opening this week in a pandemic-free theater, somewhere over in Multiverse Heights.

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**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for intense sequences of violence and action, frightening images and some language)  
**Running time:** 2:06  
**How to watch:** In theaters

## CELEBRITIES

### Usher, Maroon 5 to headline benefit

From news services

Maroon 5 and Usher will headline a benefit concert in Atlanta to honor the legacy of the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis.

The Grammy Award-winning pop band and singer will perform during the Beloved Benefit on July 7, concert officials announced Thursday. The event was rescheduled from its initial date in February due to COVID-19 concerns. NBC Sports host and correspondent Maria Taylor will serve as the event’s emcee.

Along with the performances, the benefit will feature a program filled with inspiring community stories. The money raised will be distributed to several nonprofit beneficiaries that prioritize economic and community development.

The Beloved Benefit was inspired by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision of a beloved community where people work together to solve social issues ranging from racism and poverty to hunger and homelessness.

**Defamation suit against Baldwin dismissed:** A federal judge has dismissed a defamation lawsuit over online harassment filed against actor Alec Baldwin by the family of a Marine who was killed in Afghanistan, saying the Wyoming court did not have jurisdiction over the case.

An attorney for the family said the case would be refiled elsewhere, the Casper Star-Tribune reported Wednesday.

The sisters and widow of Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum alleged Baldwin subjected them to online harassment after he posted and commented on a photo shared online by one of McCollum’s sisters, Roice McCollum, who had been in Washington during the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.



Usher will perform during the Beloved Benefit on July 7 in Atlanta. **JEAN-BAPTISTE LACROIX / GETTY-AFP 2020**

Roice McCollum said in the lawsuit that she received hundreds of hateful messages in response to his post. The complaint, which also names her sister Cheyenne McCollum and Rylee’s wife, Jiennah McCollum, as plaintiffs, sought \$25 million in damages.

Baldwin asked for the case to be dismissed, saying he was expressing his political opinion and that he had not been in Wyoming.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Freudenthal said Wednesday that the case could not be brought in Wyoming because Baldwin made the posts from New York and because they were not directed specifically at a Wyoming audience. Her decision did not address the veracity of the allegations in the complaint.

**Oldman says retirement near:** Oscar winner Gary Oldman told Deadline in a

recent interview, “Retirement is on the horizon.”

“Yeah. I can see it.”

Oldman, 64, told the outlet, adding that if his role as Jackson Lamb in the Apple TV+ series, “Slow Horses,” is his farewell part, he’d go happily.

“To be able to sort of wrap it all up playing Jackson Lamb, I would consider myself very honored and very lucky to be able to do that. I would never say never,” said Oldman, also noting he could see himself “playing Jackson for the next how many years.”

**May 6 birthdays:** Singer Bob Seger is 77. Comedian Lulu Roman is 76. Actor Alan Dale is 75. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 67. Actor George Clooney is 61. Actor Leslie Hope is 57. Guitarist Mark Bryan is 55. Actor Gabourey Sidibe is 39. Comedian Sasheer Zamata is 36. Rapper Meek Mill is 35. Actor Naomi Scott is 29.



## ASK AMY

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### Gal pals loudly ridicule obese people in public

**Dear Amy:** Recently I have been out with a couple of different “gal pals” who loudly ridiculed people in public who were significantly overweight/obese.

With several family members who fight weight problems, it really galls me.

In the first instance, I was so taken aback I could not reply; in the second situation, I briefly talked about eating disorders.

My pal “Marlene” didn’t get it. Her point of pride: “If that were me, I would lock myself in a room until I lost the weight. That’s all that man has to do.”

I will not sit back and listen to rude comments and lack of understanding again.

I don’t want to make enemies; I would rather help others understand.

Your ideas?

— From the Heartland

**Dear Heartland:** People of all sizes have the right to live in their bodies and walk around in public unremarked upon. They have the right to live amongst other humans without being judged and sneered at. These rights are pretty basic.

Don’t bother lecturing these women about eating disorders. Not all obese people have eating disorders, and not all obese people hate their bodies or long to be thin.

When it comes to genius “comebacks” to this sort of bullying, I’m reminded of the old Johnny Carson show.

Larger-than-life maverick genius film director Orson Welles was a guest on the show, along with the troubled and famously loudmouth actor Robert Blake.

Robert Blake enters, looks Welles up and down and says to him: “You make Wimpy look skimpy!”

Welles immediately shoots back: “I’m fat and you’re ugly ... but I can diet.”

There is a range for how you could respond.

You could say, “How about we don’t slam and shame other human beings who are just out having their own kind of day, and whose only crime was to leave the house? These comments are ‘not a good look’ on you.”

Idea No. 2 (which might convert these friends into frenemies): “Maybe we should rethink who really needs to be put in the closet, ‘Marlene.’”

There’s also a response that might inspire these women to reflect on their own behavior. You pack up your stuff and simply say, “I don’t like to witness you two behaving this way. I’ve decided to go.”

**Dear Amy:** I am the youngest of many siblings.

I found out two years ago that we have a half-brother. I reached out to him, but never heard back.

Only two of my siblings know. One is very upset and angry. The other sibling seems indifferent.

I’m very passionate about meeting our brother.

Finally, last week I reached out to his wife. She responded and told me that he has only a couple of weeks to live.

I believe all of my siblings have a right to know and decide if they want contact with him before he dies, but I’m confused about what to do.

Shortly before his own death, our father met this

son and told him that neither my mom nor his other children knew about him — and he wanted to keep it that way.

Should I tell them and risk the emotional issues it will cause for them — or not tell them and deny them the knowledge of another brother?

— Desperate and Confused

**Dear Desperate:** It says a lot about how tightly your family holds onto secrets that some siblings have known about this half-brother for a long time, but haven’t disclosed it to the others.

At this point, all of your concern should be directed toward the dying man.

You should reach out to his wife, see him right away (if he wants) and offer him the option of further contact with you and other siblings. Deal with your siblings afterward.

**Dear Amy:** “Dreamer” had persistent thoughts and dreams about her first love.

I appreciated your interpretation for how her subconscious might be using these dreams to repair events from her past.

I’m wrestling with something similar. I’m inspired to take a fresh look at what’s behind my own ruminations.

— Grateful

**Dear Grateful:** Dreams can deliver longed-for answers.

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# Jim Broadbent puts an eccentric at film center

Character actor can't recall reading a script quite like 'Duke'

By **Simran Hans**  
The New York Times

In Room 45 of the National Gallery in London, Jim Broadbent surveyed Francisco de Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington. It was not his first encounter with the painting. But, "I haven't seen him next to Napoleon before," he said, nodding toward Vernet's study of the French emperor hanging nearby.

Broadbent's latest film, "The Duke," now in theaters, is based on the real-life theft of the portrait in 1961. The actor, 72, plays Kempton Bunton, who held the painting ransom in protest against what he saw as unfair taxes on ordinary people.

If any of the tourists visiting the museum knew they were standing a few feet away from one of Britain's great character actors, they didn't let on. To many young people, Broadbent is Professor Slughorn, the affable Hogwarts potions master in the Harry Potter films. Their parents may have seen him portray Harold Zidler, the mustachioed owner of the Moulin Rouge, or Bridget Jones' father.

The story of Bunton, a mischievous taxi driver, failed playwright and possible cat burglar from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has given Broadbent another eccentric character. "You couldn't sell it as a piece of fiction," Broadbent said earlier, in the gallery's restaurant. "Stealing a picture from the National Gallery? It's too far-fetched."

On the 50th anniversary of the heist, Bunton's grandson, Christopher, 45, had the idea to tell his family's story. Inspired after reading his grandfather's plays, he drafted a script, he said in a recent interview,

and emailed 20 British production companies. He received six replies, including one from producer Nicky Bentham. Richard Bean and Clive Coleman reshaped the script and Roger Michell signed on to direct, followed by Broadbent as the lead.

"I don't remember reading a script quite like it," said Broadbent, remarking on its old-fashioned quality. With a whimsical sense of humor softening its satirical bite, it reminded him of the films produced by London's Ealing Studios in the 1950s, like "The Lavender Hill Mob" or "The Ladykillers." When Bunton is tried in court, he addresses the jury as if they were the audience at a stand-up show.

Broadbent has been honing his own comic instincts since childhood. He grew up in Lincolnshire to artist parents, and attended a Quaker school, where he would impersonate his teachers with studied accuracy, realizing that if he got it right, people would really laugh.

"I think that's what drew me into character acting," he said. The impressions weren't just about mimicry, "It was actually observing and nailing essential characteristics."

His alert blue eyes and gawky 6-foot-1 frame lend themselves well to physical comedy, though his looks, he said, have facilitated a versatile career. "I was never going to be the regular sort of good-looking, handsome chap," he said. "From the word go, since I wasn't easily castable in any particular thing, I knew I had to cast my net very wide."

He graduated from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in 1972 and soon became a fixture on London's repertory scene.

When filmmaker and theater director Mike Leigh met Broadbent over drinks in 1974, he found the actor "very, very cautious." Leigh is known for his improvisational style of working, which Broadbent "wasn't sure whether he could do," Leigh said in a recent interview.

But the director saw an emotional intelligence, and cast Broadbent as a "very gentle, Northern, working-class guy" in "Ecstasy," at the Hampstead Theater. Impressed by Broadbent's rare sensitivity, and anticipating his range, Leigh cast him again in his next production, "Goose-Pimples," where the actor "played the exact opposite, a really nasty fascist character." In total, the pair have worked together seven times.

In the 1980s, Broadbent was rarely offstage — except when he was on TV. Helen Mirren, who plays Dorothy, Bunton's wife in "The Duke," said in an email that it was impossible to remember when she first encountered her co-star's work, "as he has been a part of our theater and screen landscape for so long, but it was probably in 'Not The Nine O'Clock News' and 'Blackadder,' two iconic comedy TV programs in Britain."

Soon, Broadbent was craving new challenges, and a change of pace. "I felt very easy onstage, and hadn't felt that on the bits of filming I'd been doing, and was so self-conscious in front of a lens being put up your nose," he said, and so moved more toward films.

Another collaboration with Leigh, the feature "Topsy-Turvy," won him a prize at the 1999 Venice Film Festival, and was a hit in the U.S. "That was the beginning of that: You become awardable," Broad-



Actor Jim Broadbent, who is seen April 11 at the National Gallery in London, stars as mischievous taxi driver Kempton Bunton in "The Duke." ALEX INGRAM/THE NEW YORK TIMES

bent said. The awards led to work with Hollywood directors like Baz Luhrmann and Martin Scorsese.

"There's a whole bunch around that time, like 'Moulin Rouge!' — it's completely out of my comfort zone, I certainly wouldn't have cast myself in that role at all," Broadbent said, "you know, singing and dancing." But he won a BAFTA for his performance. And then in 2002 he won an Oscar for playing literary critic John Bayley in "Iris," a role "I tried to persuade Richard Eyre that I wasn't right for," Broadbent said. Bayley, he thought, was "a sort of cerebral academic, which is

not me at all."

The appeal of "The Duke" came partly from being directed by Michell again (the pair worked together on the 2013 film "Le Week-End"). Bunton's story turned out to be Michell's final project, and he died in September last year. "Roger had it all," Broadbent said. "He was very sensitive to people, and their vulnerabilities and strengths."

Broadbent was also drawn to Bunton's complexity. "He was a failed playwright, an activist, fairly unemployable for any extended period," Broadbent said.

Though Broadbent's

parents were conscientious objectors to World War II, the actor said he personally prefers to "keep a low profile." He described himself as "resistant to authority" but said he "never wanted, particularly, that resistance to define who I am." Bunton, by contrast, campaigned for what he believed in, like an exemption for retirees from Britain's annual TV license fee. "He was prepared to stand up, and make his presence felt, and complain in a way that I have never done," the actor said.

Broadbent, Leigh said, "is a consummate character actor. He doesn't play himself."

## 'Undone' star Constance Marie continues to change Hollywood

By **Peter Sblendorio**  
New York Daily News

It's easy for Constance Marie to get animated about her twist-filled streaming series "Undone."

The actor believes the psychological cartoon about a Mexican American family with a time-traveling daughter is special due to its groundbreaking style of motion-capture animation and its depiction of three complex Latina women as its central characters.

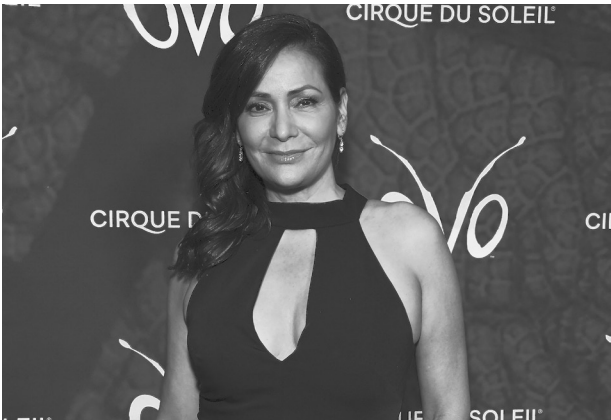
"You get to see us in San Antonio," said Marie, 56. "Whenever you think 'Texas,' you don't think 'Latin people.' Texas used to be Mexico, so the fact that we don't put those two things together — I think it's a wonderful history lesson that we're there."

"And I think the maternal bloodlines also don't get explored. Usually, it's the patriarchal that we're exploring, the ancestry, so you put the two together, and I just think it's the perfect storm."

The second season of "Undone," now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, continues the story of Alma, a cynical young woman played by Rosa Salazar, whose relationship with time is changed after she survives a catastrophic car crash.

Season one, which was released in 2019, saw Alma use her newfound ability to manipulate time to uncover secrets surrounding her father's death. Marie portrays Alma's mother, Camila, and says the adult animated series' new season offers more insight into her character's complicated back story.

"She's a tough-love mom, but you don't realize what makes her so tough," Marie said. "In season two, you actually get to explore Camila's background and what made her the way she



Constance Marie, seen March 16, portrays Camila on the adult animated series "Undone." JON KOPALOFF/GETTY

is, and all the traumas of her ancestry."

The series is Amazon's first to use rotoscoping, an innovative technique that turns live-action performances into animated sequences through motion capture, with oil paintings used to render the backgrounds.

Production for the second season took place during the pandemic, which meant fewer crew members working in person. They shot scenes on a stage using green-screen technology, with the actors sometimes not even in the room at the same time.

"For us to see (the finished product) finally, it's just like, 'Wow!' It's just gorgeous," Marie said. "And when we're actually shooting, it's harder than live action because you have to imagine everything."

Marie is no stranger to pioneering roles. She starred as Nina Gonzalez on "American Family," which premiered in 2002 as the first drama series starring a mostly Latino cast to air on Latino television. Her portrayal of the matriarch Angie Lopez on "George Lopez" from 2002 to 2007 was also historic, as the success of the long-running sitcom helped change the

landscape for projects predominantly featuring Latino actors.

"When I was growing up in Los Angeles ... I didn't see anybody who looks like me unless they were the bad guy or just not a great depiction," Marie said. "I remember asking my mom, 'Where are all the Latinos that look like us?'"

"They weren't on TV, so I didn't have that representation, but when I found out that Wonder Woman was half-Mexican, I was like, 'Oh yeah, I'll take her as a role model,'" Marie said, referring to actor Lynda Carter.

With her own career, Marie says she saw an opportunity to take on roles that "say a lot about my community."

"I don't know that it was a conscious decision, but I just felt like I wanted to reflect roles that I was proud of and that other little girls could be proud of if they were to ever see me on screen," Marie said.

She's happy to be making projects like "Undone" — and to keep representing her community.

"It was just a beautiful way to give back to that little girl that I was who did not see anybody who looked like her on television," Marie said. "Now, I'm changing that."

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You can make a convincing argument for what you want. You could also have a sense of what parts of your story you're better off leaving out. However, if you feel like saying it out loud would cause a problem, you might need to reassess your position entirely.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** A friend may have a lot to say about a social issue today. Though you might feel like it's your duty to join their cause, that pressure could be coming from you rather than them. If you're not sure, it's fine to gather information. Hearing them out can provide the validation they need.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Connecting with friends could be fruitful today. Though you're in the right headspace to have an uncomplicated good time, perhaps more is possible. Blending the boundaries of different types of relationships can have its challenges, but the risk may be worth the reward.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Privacy could be hard to come by today, but perhaps you have less to hide than you think. Though you may not be excited about this, it might be less of an issue than you expected if you just accept it. Your emotions and intellect can work together to help you tell your story.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Listening can be very helpful to you at this time. Pay attention to any book recommendations. Spending time reading should give you an opportunity to gather your thoughts. When you're ready, being able to lean on the perspective of a respected author will help you keep the discussion flowing.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may be motivated to take action toward your goals. Joining forces with someone can help you push things forward. On the other hand, they can't be your clone! Look for compromises that inspire growth in both of you rather than those that will incite resentment.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Talking about your ideas with others may be fulfilling now. When you agree on the main points, you can refine the details to make the best plan possible. Doing idealistic work that furthers your goals might satisfy you further, so strategize together to turn your mutual passion into action.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Reaching an agreement for sharing responsibilities could be a huge relief. You're looking to make your life easier — and, if you extend the same to who you're collaborating with, you're likely to come up with a plan. You should have more time to focus on your hobbies.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Lighthearted connection may be easy for you to find today, as you're probably in a good mood. However, once you feel secure with someone else, you might start pouring your heart out a little too much. While relaxed boundaries can be good, keep an eye on the other person's comfort levels.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can maintain a good attitude while getting stuff done today. However, be sure to talk to others you're working with about how you'd like them to pitch in, instead of assuming they know. Though you have a sensitivity to the subtle things, help yourself in obvious ways first.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You know you need to take care of your responsibilities, but that doesn't mean you can't have a little fun. Having a confident attitude toward your current budget can help you keep any frustrations on the job in perspective. When you put people first, the rest will often sort itself out!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Money could seem to flow to you now, though spending it as soon as you receive it will be tempting. You may notice frustrations around the house that the right gadgets would solve. An environment that supports you can be a source of strength. If you can afford it, go for it.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On May 6, 1937,** the airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, New Jersey; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.

**In 1941,** Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership.

**In 1994,** former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed suit against President Bill Clinton, alleging he had sexually harassed her in 1991.

**In 2006,** Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, died at age 99.

**In 2010,** a computerized sell order triggered a "flash crash" on Wall Street, sending the Dow Jones to a loss of nearly 1,000 points in less than half an hour.

**In 2013,** kidnap-rape victims Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight, who went missing separately about a decade earlier, were rescued from a house just south of downtown Cleveland.



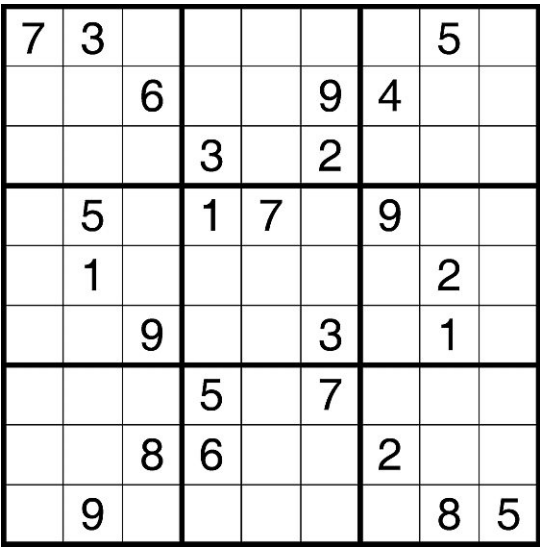
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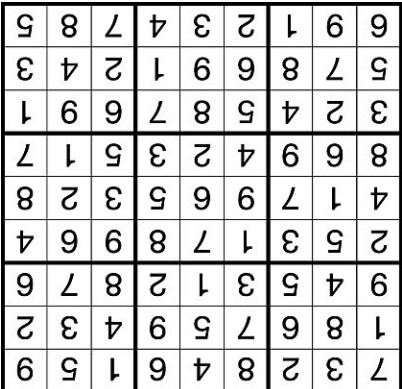
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## WORD SEARCH

### SCHOOL VACATIONS

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## BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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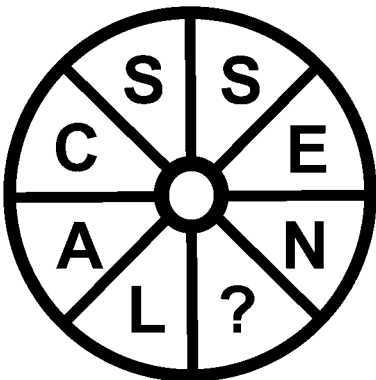
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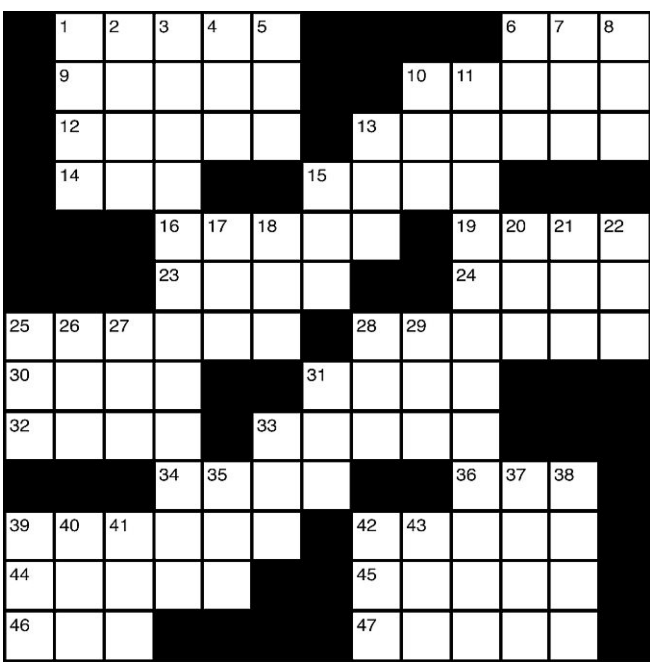
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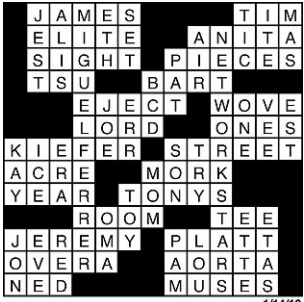
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- "In Plain \_\_\_"; crime drama series
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- Univ. in Nashville
- Brother to Lisa and Maggie
- DVD player remote button
- Used a loom
- Actor Jack of the old "Hawaii Five-O"
- "The Crazy \_\_\_"; last series for Robin Williams
- Actor Sutherland
- "Sesame \_\_\_"
- Farmland unit
- "\_\_\_ & Mindy"
- "The 40-\_\_\_ Old Virgin"; Steve Carrell movie
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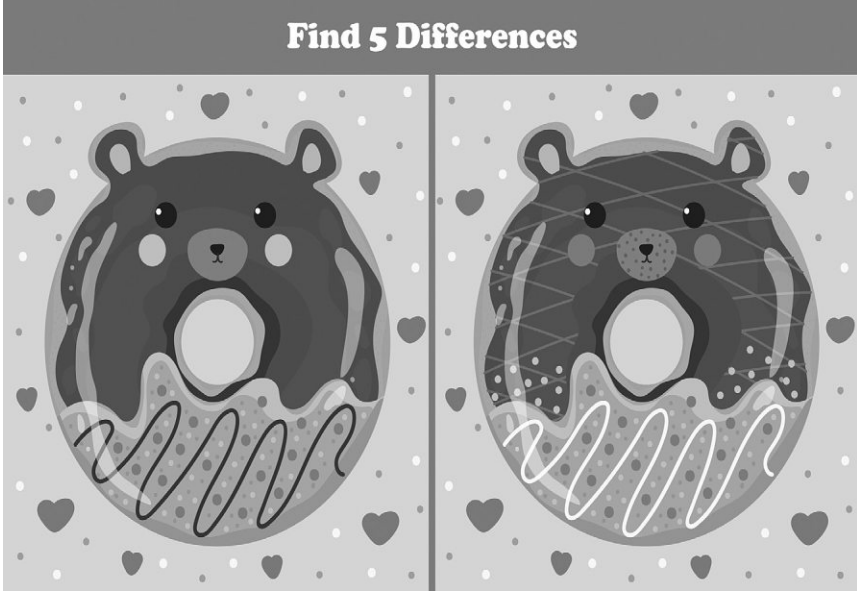
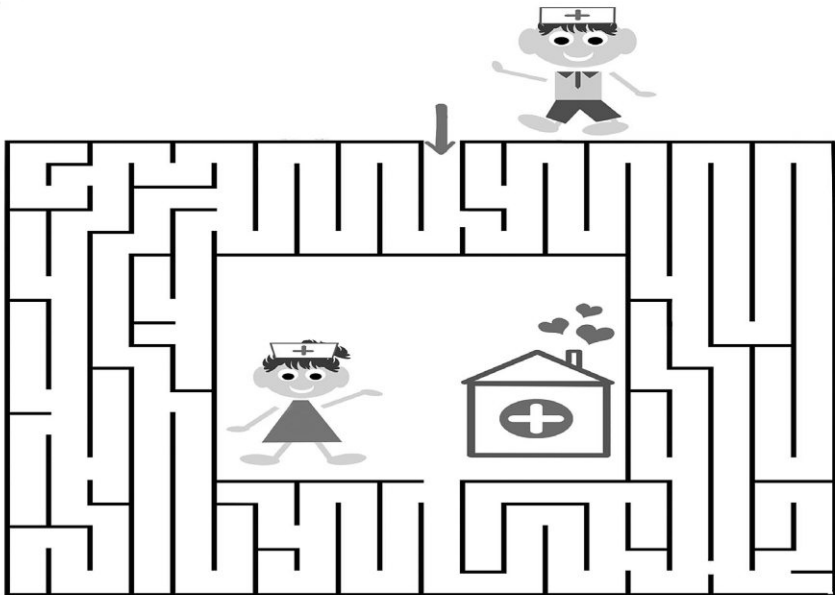
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- Actor Mantegna
- Slip up
- "\_\_\_ Life to Live"
- Pop singer Bobby
- Suffix for old or cold
- Actress Panabaker
- \_\_\_ Age: Continental Drift"; animated film sequel
- Historical period
- "Sanford and \_\_\_"
- Attempt
- Series for Mimi Kennedy
- \_\_\_ Story"; blockbuster animated film
- Tumor suffix
- Ending for Paul or Nan
- Greek letters
- Gosselin or Stewart
- Role on "Last Man Standing"
- "The \_\_\_ Skelton Hour"
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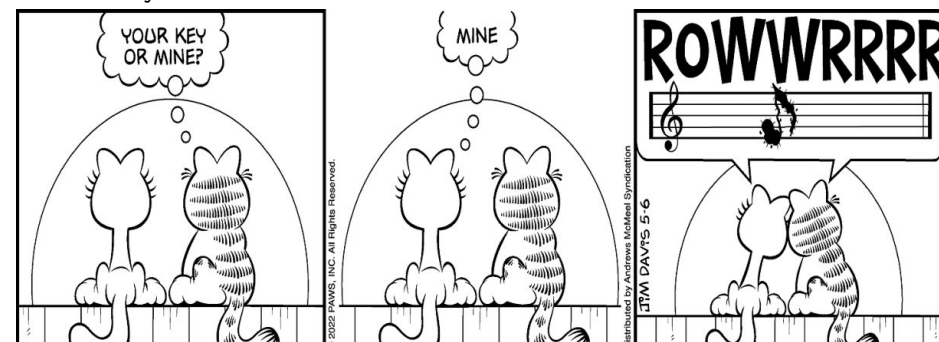
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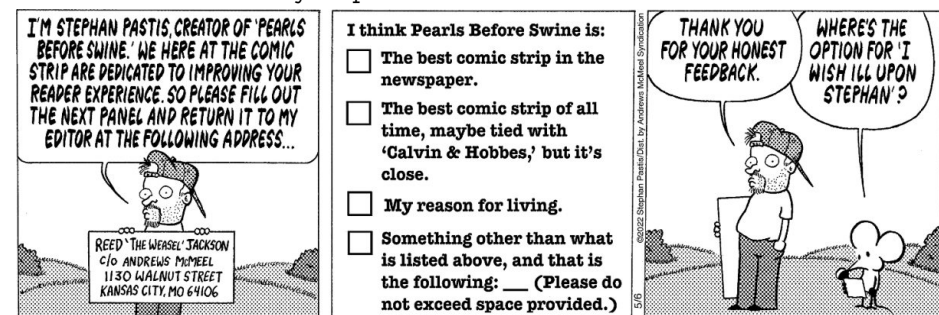
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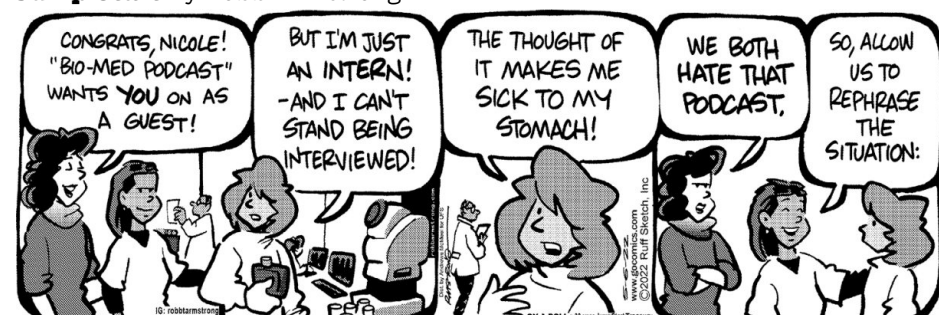
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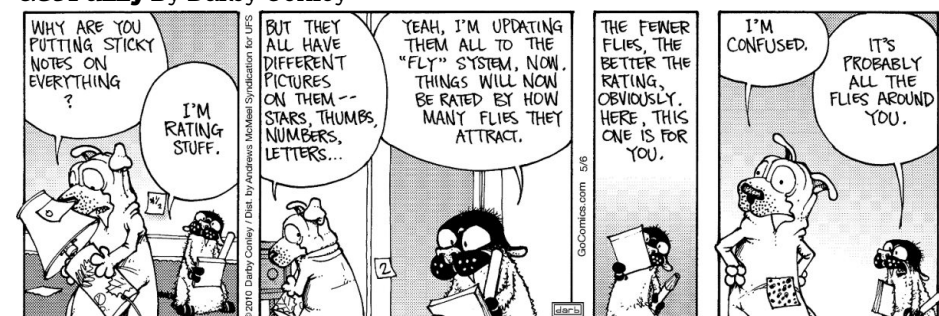
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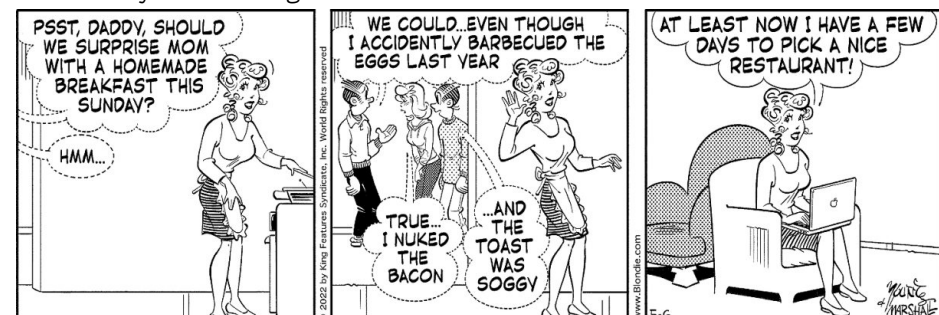
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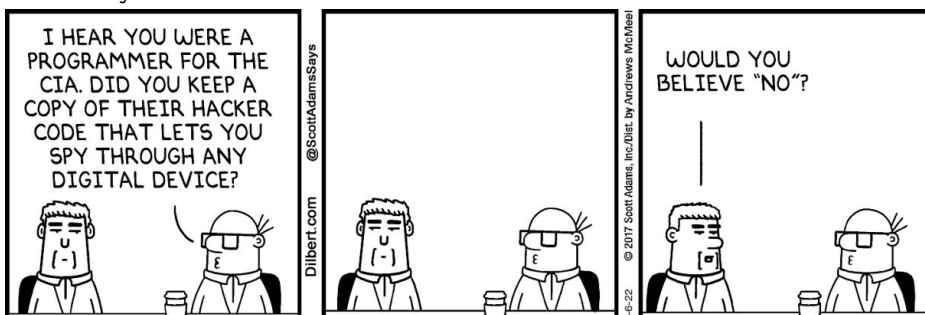
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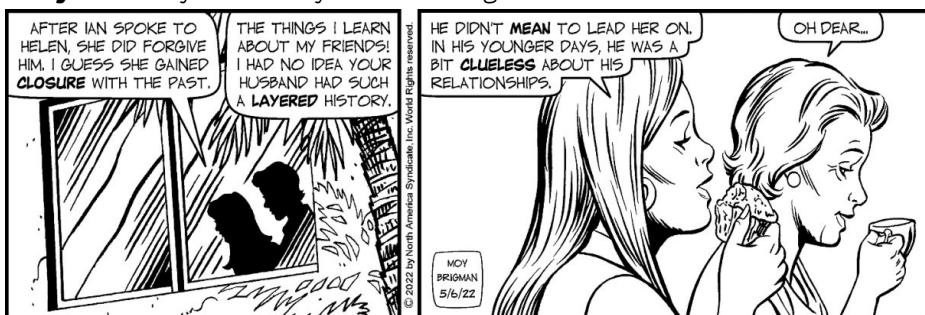
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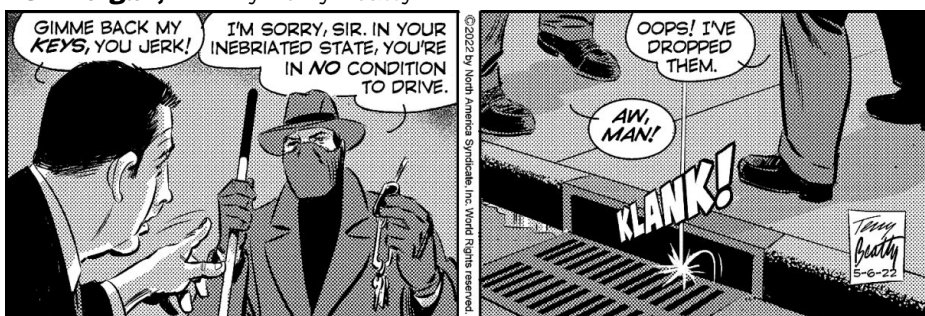
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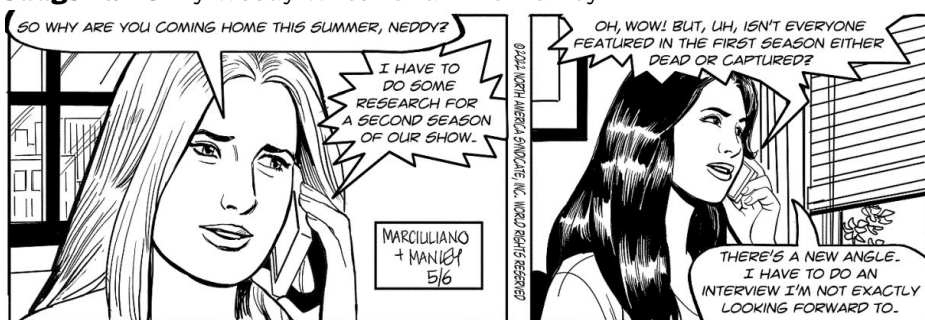
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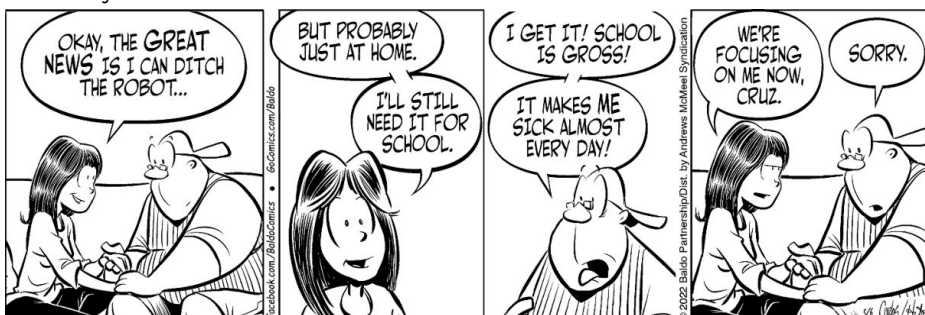
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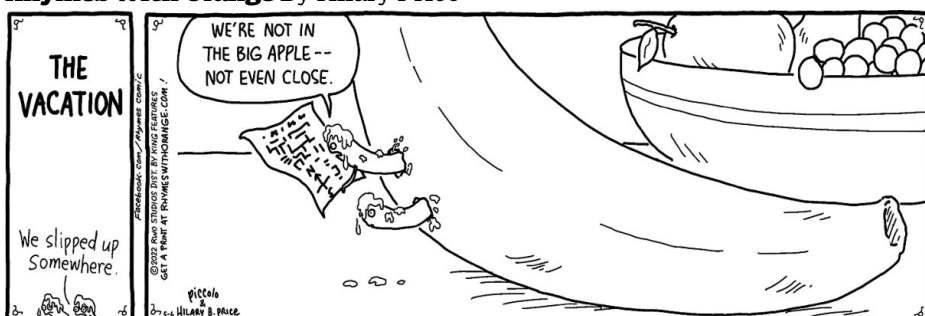
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# SPORTS

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NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS 5, PENGUINS 2

## Rangers bounce back with rout, even series

By Colin Stephenson  
Newsday

NEW YORK — Rangers fans waited five years to see playoff hockey again at Madison Square Garden and they'll get to see at least another home game.

After dropping the series opener in three overtimes on Tuesday, the Rangers bounced back Thursday

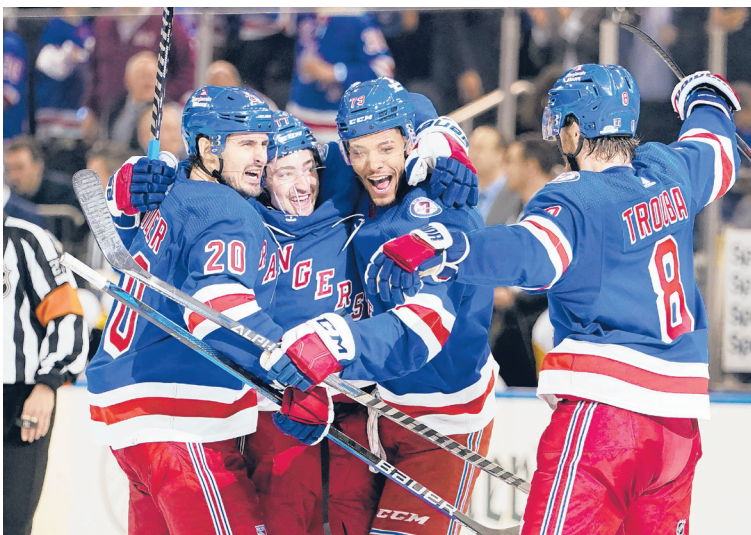
when Artemi Panarin, held scoreless in Game 1, and Frank Vatrano, each had a goal and two assists as the Rangers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins, 5-2 in Game 2 of the teams' first-round series.

The Rangers appeared to escape what could have been a devastating blow when goaltender Igor Shesterkin was flattened on a hit by Pittsburgh's Jeff Carter with

2:04 remaining in the third period. Shesterkin lay on his back and writhed in pain for a few moments, and the training staff came out to check on him. But he was able to get up on his own and finish the game.

Carter was assessed a two-minute penalty for goaltender interference

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The Rangers' Chris Kreider (20) celebrates with teammates K'Andre Miller (79) and Jacob Trouba (8) after scoring a goal during the second period against the Penguins on Thursday in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

YANKEES

## Renewed focus on defense pays off in win column

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

TORONTO — Giancarlo Stanton's leaping grab on Monday night went viral. The 6-foot-6 outfielder stole an extra-base hit from Matt Chapman at the top of the right field wall in a tremendous defensive play. Less noticed are the everyday tough and routine plays that the Yankees are making this year.

Part of the belief that this Yankees team is better than last year — and the 2020 squad — is that they have become a more complete team. That shows in their defense. In short, last season, the Yankees finished 29th out of 30 teams in defensive runs saved (-41), according to Fangraphs. Through 25 games this season, the Bombers have made massive progress. Heading into Friday's series opener against the Rangers at Yankee Stadium, they are ranked third in defensive runs saved on Fangraphs team rankings.

A big part of that is personnel. The Yankees ended their experiment with Gleyber Torres at shortstop last year and went out to find a solid, athletic defensive infielder for that spot in Isiah Kiner-Falefa. They also have a healthy DJ LeMahieu, who was playing through a sports hernia and a biceps issue last year that limited him severely. And in a Benjamin Button kind of way, Stanton seems to be defying the aging process and getting healthier and stronger as he gets older.

That all adds up to outs on the field and wins on the schedule, Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

"I think you bring in Isiah Kiner-Falefa at a premium position like shortstop and you see his athleticism. That's a pretty important defensive position that I feel like we're pretty dynamic at now. I think Gleyber has done a really nice job sliding over to second. I think he's much more comfortable. They're much more confident," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I think DJ to me is healthier, and that's shown itself in the way he's moving around. His arm strength is better, which is

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### Inside

What's next for Robinson Cano? Hint, it doesn't look good for the 8-time All-Star. **Page 2**

ANGELS 8, RED SOX 0



Angels pitcher Shohei Ohtani screams out after striking out the Red Sox's Trevor Story to end the seventh inning on Thursday at Fenway Park in Boston. **MATT STONE/BOSTON HERALD**

## Monster debut

### Ohtani fans 11 in his first Fenway appearance, blanks Sox

By Jimmy Golen  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Shohei Ohtani left his mark on Fenway Park with the finest two-way performance since Babe Ruth himself.

Pitching at the historic ballpark for the first time, Ohtani struck out 11 in seven shutout innings and added two hits — one of them a 109 mph line drive that banged off the Green Monster so hard that it knocked his No. 17 out of the pitcher's slot on the manual scoreboard.

"I hope you don't start taking that for granted. Like it's old hat," Angels manager Joe Maddon said of Ohtani's skills. "It's just so unusual. It's otherworldly, on this level of this game."

The display came during Los Angeles' 8-0 win over Boston

Thursday that included a five-run eighth inning in the ballpark where Ruth debuted in 1914 and played six seasons before the Red Sox sold him to the Yankees.

In the fourth, Ohtani hit a 389-foot single that was about a foot shy of being a home run. In the eighth, he singled off the left-field wall to drive in one run, then scored as the Angels turned a 2-0 game into a blowout.

Ohtani (3-2) also induced 29 swings and misses from Boston batters — a career high, and the most for any pitcher this year. He threw 81 of his 99 pitches for strikes, also a career high.

"It's one of my favorite ballparks," said Ohtani, who has batted .302 with two homers in 10 games at Fenway. "I was looking forward to pitching here."

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Ohtani's start was pushed back two days because of groin tightness and came about 14 hours after the Angels scored six times in the 10th inning to beat the Red Sox 10-5. As the designated hitter in that contest, Ohtani walked in the ninth and walked and scored in the 10th.

"To be honest, I was pretty fatigued," he said. "My body was pretty tired. I tried to get to sleep as early as possible and get enough sleep and rest. I think I was able to do that."

Jared Walsh had four RBIs, curling a two-run homer around the

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UCONN BASEBALL

## Big East title on line as Huskies take on Creighton

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

STORRS — Casey Dana slid head first into home plate, always a risky proposition, as the UConn baseball team was fighting for a nonconference win at Northeastern on April 26. He paid a price.

"He caught the catcher's cleat," coach Jim Penders said. "His arm was just split open, it was just filleted. Twenty-six stitches. This happens on a Tuesday, and Friday he's in the lineup. And he's Big East player of the week."

Dana, grad transfer, outfielder from Seton Hall, is typical of what the Huskies are doing, and what they need to be as the season enters the stretch. First place in the Big East is on the line in a three-game series against Creighton starting Friday at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs.

"I love the toughness," said Penders, who is playing several transfers and grad students. "I love the maturity. They're a lot of fun to be around, but they have the gray beards. They have instincts on bases, and if they don't they know how to fake it because they've had experiences."

Dana missed one game, then returned for the series at Butler last weekend and, facing a potentially devastating loss Friday night, he delivered an RBI single early and a sacrifice fly in the ninth to send the game to extra innings. UConn won, 8-7, in the 10th on David Smith's inside-the-park homer, and went on to sweep the series as Dana went 8-for-13 with two homers and nine RBI.

"Casey has played in a lot of meaningful games and every RBI he gets is meaningful," Penders said. "He's just a tough kid. Doesn't say much, he's like a cowboy. He just shows up and performs."

UConn (37-8) is 11-1 in the Big East, with Creighton (25-12, 10-2) on its heels. Dylan Tebrake (6-1, 2.76 ERA) goes against the Huskies' Austin Peterson (8-0, 2.95) to start things off on Friday afternoon at 3:05, with Game 2 Saturday at 1 p.m. and Game 3 Sunday at 11:30. The Saturday game will be televised by The CW (Ch. 20). If the Huskies win two of three they'd have a two-game lead and hold the head-to-head tie-breaker with six conference games left.

UConn has outscored opponents 377-160, but the key to the

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SPORTS & NIL

## Miami's Wong shows college sports hurtling toward free market

By Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

An agent for a prominent college athlete finally said out loud what schools likely hear in private: Pay the player more, or he will transfer to a school that will.

The brazen demand made on behalf of University of Miami basketball star Isaiah Wong last week provided a rare, unvarnished

glimpse into the way elite college sports have been transformed by athletes' rights to earn money through endorsements.

Teammates are comparing contracts. Players' financial backers are swapping barbs. And coaches and administrators are struggling to keep their rosters full — and players happy — without running afoul of the rules.

If Wong's agent didn't techni-

cally cross the bounds of what's permissible — players can't seek payment simply in return for a promise to play at a specific school — then he firmly planted his foot on the line, according to labor experts.

"We are rapidly moving toward professionalization at full market rate for these NCAA players," said Michael LeRoy, labor law professor at the University of Illinois.

"It's very clear it's really not about endorsements, it's about paying guys for their performance."

Until recently, endorsement deals — or any compensation other than scholarships — were strictly off limits for college athletes. Paying students was seen as a threat to the ideal of amateur sports. But legal challenges by athletes seeking to reap some of the billions of dollars schools were

earning off of sports forced change. In 2019, California became the first state to pass a law allowing athletes to earn money on endorsements, autograph signings and other activities, and by July 2021, the NCAA lifted its decades-old ban.

The NCAA left in place only loosely defined guidelines: the deals could not be used to entice

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

**Celtics:** NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 3), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 4), Monday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Bruins:** NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 3), Friday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 4), Sunday, 12:30 p.m.; NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 5, if necessary), Tuesday, time TBD  
**Rangers:** NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 3), Saturday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD  
**Red Sox:** White Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; White Sox, Saturday, 4 p.m.; White Sox, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
**Yankees:** Rangers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Rangers, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Rangers, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.  
**Mets:** at Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Phillies, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Phillies, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** Binghamton, Friday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Binghamton, Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Hartford Athletic:** Loudoun United, Saturday, 7 p.m.; N.Y. Red Bulls II, May 14, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

**AUTO RACING**  
**2:25 p.m.:** Formula 1 Racing Miami Grand Prix, Practice 1. (Live) ESPN2  
**3 p.m.:** NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Dead On Tools 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1  
**5 p.m.:** NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Mahindra ROXOR 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1  
**7:30 p.m.:** NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Dead On Tools 200. (Live) FS1  
**BASEBALL**  
**2 p.m.:** Dodgers at Cubs. (Live) MLB  
**7 p.m.:** White Sox at Red Sox. (Live), Apple TV+. Radio: 1080  
**7 p.m.:** Rangers at Yankees. (Live), Amazon Prime. Radio: 97.9  
**7 p.m.:** Mets at Phillies. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880  
**7 p.m.:** Georgia Tech at Clemson. (Live) ACC  
**8 p.m.:** Florida at Mississippi State. (Live) SEC  
**10:30 p.m.:** UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine. (Live) ESPN  
**BASKETBALL**  
**7 p.m.:** Heat at 76ers. (Live) ESPN  
**8 p.m.:** WNBA: Sparks at Sky. (Live) NBA  
**9:30 p.m.:** Suns at Mavericks. (Live) ESPN  
**10 p.m.:** WNBA: Aces at Mercury. (Live) NBA  
**EQUESTRIAN**  
**1 p.m.:** Kentucky Oaks. (Live) USA  
**FOOTBALL**  
**10 p.m.:** USFL Football Philadelphia Stars vs Michigan Panthers. (Live) FS1  
**11:30 p.m.:** Richmond Tigers vs Collingwood Magpies. (Live) FSP  
**5 a.m. Sat.:** Brisbane Lions vs West Coast Eagles. (Live) FS1  
**GOLF**  
**8:30 a.m.:** DP World Tour Golf Betfred British Masters, Second Round. (Live) GOLF  
**12 p.m.:** Mitsubishi Electric Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF  
**2 p.m.:** Wells Fargo Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF  
**HOCKEY**  
**7 p.m.:** Hurricanes at Bruins. (Live), TNT, NESN  
**7:30 p.m.:** Maple Leafs at Lightning. (Live) SPRTNET, TBS  
**9:30 p.m.:** Wild at Blues. (Live) TNT  
**10 p.m.:** Oilers at Kings. (Live) TBS  
**SOCCER**  
**3:50 p.m.:** 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) FSP  
**SOFTBALL**  
**5 p.m.:** Louisville at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC  
**5 p.m.:** Minnesota vs Northwestern. (Live) ESPN2  
**7 p.m.:** Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN2  
**TENNIS**  
**8 a.m., 2 p.m.:** ATP Tennis Mutua Madrid Open. (Live) TENNIS

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS

Smart: ‘Strong likelihood’ he’ll be back for Game 3

By Mark Murphy  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Marcus Smart says there’s a “strong likelihood” that he returns from a one-game absence to play Saturday in Game 3 in Milwaukee, but even if he doesn’t, he knows how the Celtics should begin their afternoon in a hostile environment.

“I look at it as like when you were a little kid, you running from school, everybody got in fights, a lot of us got jumped before,” he said after Thursday’s practice. “My mama always told me, if you’re outnumbered, you might as well be the first one to initiate and start a punch, because you’re outnumbered. You might as well take one with you.

“That’s how it is. You’ve gotta go in and you’ve gotta be able to throw that punch first, knowing everybody is against you and you’re going to have a battle on your hands. So it definitely feels good, and I think as

a competitor, the good ones and the great ones, they enjoy it.”

After experiencing the opposite sensation in Game 1, when the Bucks landed the first punch on his Celtics, Smart doesn’t want to go back there again. He’s anxious to do something more than in Game 2, when he stood in the corner at the end of the Celtics bench in an ornate sweat suit and stared down his teammates on the floor.

But first he has to sufficiently heal from the painful thigh contusion he suffered in Game 1. As he admitted Thursday, the hit he suffered landed on the exact spot of a thigh bruise earlier this season that forced him to miss time.

Imaging taken of the injury, according to Smart, has not revealed anything alarming.

“(It) said everything is fine, everything is working,” said Smart. “It’s just the stars lined up at the right time and got hit in the right spot. So

just continue to do what I’ve always done when I get hit here and allow the staff to do their job and the treatment they’re giving me and staying positive and pushing myself to get back onto the court.

“Just play through it. It’s like a Charlie horse on the quad,” he said. “It’s just, I guess, an over-exaggerated one because of the spot where it is and the fluid being in the area. You want to be very, very cautious of that.”

Though Smart has improved since suffering the injury, there are still restrictions. He still feels pain when crouching in a defensive stance, for instance.

“Yeah, that’s where the majority of it is and what’s keeping me back, is because of that fluid in the knee that’s restricting that movement to really bend down as much as I need to, especially to be able to get into a defensive stance and to be able to push off,” he said. “It’s kind of hard

to be able to go out there and play if you can’t do that, so once we can get the fluid off of it, everything else will be alright.”

That in turn would end something equally painful — Smart’s relegation to a sideline role, where he seemed to spend as much time on his feet as the coaches, possibly more.

“It was very difficult. I was very, very antsy that whole day,” he said of missing Game 2. “Couldn’t sleep, couldn’t even take a nap. Just wishing I was out there with my guys. It’s really tough, and my guys know, anybody who knows me understands that if I’m gonna miss a game, especially a playoff game, something’s really got to be wrong with me. So it was really tough from that aspect, but I have to listen to my body and do everything I can to get back out there. But out of this into my body in the same formation to that and allow my body to do what it does and to heal.”



Yankees shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa fields a ground ball hit by the Orioles' Anthony Santander during the sixth inning of a game April 15 in Baltimore. **JULIO CORTEZ/AP**

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allowing him to be in play more often at third base. Our catching tandem, I’d put them up against anyone.

“And then Giancarlo being able to go out and play the outfield, Aaron Judge’s ability to slide over to centerfield [from right]. So we had that built-in flexibility there.”

Kiner-Falefa has three defensive runs saved, eighth among major league shortstops. Last year, Torres had a -7 defensive runs saved and was 120th among players who played shortstop. This season, at second base, Torres has five DRS.

After a very disappointing 2021, the Yankees made a new commitment to defense. While they would take some infield practice at the start of a series on the road, that was mostly to get comfortable with different fields, they seem to be doing it much more so far this year.

That reflects the organization’s renewed commitment to defense. The fact that so many players are out before games working on ground balls and different plays shows the players have bought in.

“It’s something that — not that we haven’t prioritized in the past because we certainly have —but I definitely think it’s very much a priority and to the guys, they understand the importance of it too and the commitment that they have to make to it,” Boone said. “The good thing about it is we’ve seen it show up for us in the way of helping us win games here.”

Bench coach Carlos Mendoza points to the Stanton play on Monday night as one that won a game for the Yankees.

“But you also look at the many routine plays that Izzy [Kiner-Falefa] makes at shortstop every day,” he said. “Those get by him and it’s a different game. It can change the way you pitch or how you use your bullpen.

“It’s made a big difference so far this season, I think.”



Mets second baseman Robinson Cano drops a bunt single against the Nationals during the fifth inning April 7 in Washington. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

METS

What’s next for Cano? Hint, it doesn’t look good for the 8-time All-Star

By Matthew Roberson  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Robinson Cano experiment will go down in Mets’ history as a colossal failure.

Money aside, in Cano’s days with the Mets, he was never the player he was in Seattle and was nowhere close to the top-flight hitter and defender he was for the Yankees. That was just when he was on the field, and the suspension that terminated his entire 2021 season made the blockbuster trade even harder to stomach. Cano, an unquestionably great player at his peak, wasn’t helping much when he was in the lineup and certainly wasn’t contributing while sitting out a whole year.

Because of all of this, Cano’s recent designation for assignment made perfect sense from a baseball standpoint, even if the financial ramifications and Cano’s All-Star pedigree made the move a tinge surprising.

Two things are true now: Cano is not playing another game for the Mets, and other teams are at least going to do their due diligence on him. Every team in the league gets to use a designated hitter now — opening up much more possibilities for Cano — and other clubs have taken fliers on guys like Albert Pujols, Steven Vogt and ex-Met Jed Lowrie this year, who are either older than or similarly-aged to Cano and not being relied on for massive offensive numbers anymore.

The intangibles will be an important factor for any club that’s evaluating Cano, but there are also a few that could use a left-handed hitter that can still play a passable second base in emergencies.

Mets fans can also take some solace in the fact that Jarred Kelenic, the uber prospect that ex-general manager Brodie Van Wagenen parted with in the Cano trade, has been even worse than Cano in several statistical categories this year.

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left-field foul pole in the seventh to break a scoreless tie. Anthony Rendon followed with an RBI single to chase Tanner Houck (2-2), and Walsh added a two-run dribbler through the shifted infield to make it 7-0.

Houck gave up seven runs on five hits and a walk, striking out four in 2 ½ innings.

Brandon Marsh added a solo homer in the ninth.

Ohtani allowed six hits and no walks in all. He also threw a wild pitch that allowed Rafael Devers to reach base on a strikeout in the first.

Ohtani gave up a leadoff double to Jackie Bradley Jr. in the fifth. In the sixth, J.D. Martinez doubled with one out but was stranded when Andrew Velazquez made a diving catch of Franchy Cordero’s bloopster to end the inning.

Ohtani was the first pitcher at Fenway to bat

in the top four of the order since Ruth, who was the Red Sox’s cleanup hitter in the first game of a Sept. 20, 1919, doubleheader.

In the fourth inning, Ohtani matched another Red Sox Hall of Famer by becoming the first starting pitcher to record a hit at Fenway since Roger Clemens in 1996. Ohtani and Clemens are the only starting pitchers to record hits at Fenway in the designated hitter era.

Rich Hill pitched five shutout innings for Boston, allowing one hit and one walk while striking out six. He remains winless for the season despite allowing zero runs over 13 innings in his last three starts.

Hill retired the first nine batters in order, then walked Taylor Ward to lead off the fourth. With two outs, Ohtani lofted a high fly ball to center field that Bradley lost in the sun and the wind. It bounced off the wall abutting the Red Sox bullpen. Ward, who had to wait, scampered to third, but Ohtani was held to a single.

RED SOX NOTES

Ohtani’s Fenway masterpiece had plenty of admirers

By Julian McWilliams  
Boston Globe

BOSTON — Shohei Ohtani’s anticipated start at Fenway Park on Thursday was as good as advertised, plus some more.

He carved up the Red Sox for 11 strikeouts in seven innings. He challenged them with fastballs that topped 100 miles per hour.

Foiled them with sliders out the zone. Froze them with splitters over the plate.

He clinched his hands into a fist and roared with excitement after key strikeouts. And he had two hits on the day, each off the wall.

“I hope people understand how unusual this is,” Angels manager Joe Maddon said after his team’s 8-0 victory. “And please, never take it for granted.”

Ohtani undressed the Sox with different approaches. Xander Bogaerts, for instance, struck out twice on three pitches. In his first at-bat, he saw three sliders and swung through all three. After a single in the third, Bogaerts saw a curveball and two more sliders, and whiffed at all of those too.

“He’s the best player in the league,” said Rich Hill, who tossed five scoreless frames of his own. “I think that’s one thing everybody can pretty much unanimously agree upon. It’s pretty special to see somebody like that come along. I think everybody should be really appreciating what we’re seeing because it’s something we haven’t seen in 100 years and we may never see it again for another 100 years. He’s obviously an incredible talent and threw the ball great today for his first start at Fenway and obviously hit the ball well too.”

Trevor Story couldn’t catch up to Ohtani’s fastball, seeing 10, swinging

at seven, and not putting a single one in play as he struck out four times. The third ignited slight boos from the Fenway crowd that got more pronounced after the fourth.

A key matchup that pretty much summed up Ohtani’s day came in the fifth with Rafael Devers.

With Jackie Bradley Jr. on second after a lead-off double, Ohtani went upstairs at 100.3 mph for a ball — his fastest of the day. Devers fouled off a 99-mph heater, then fell behind as he chased a curveball in the dirt, landing on one knee. He fouled off a 99.6-mph heater, then got caught looking at a splitter on the inner part of the plate.

**Sox can’t quit on Matt Barnes:** The Red Sox aren’t giving up on Matt Barnes, whose ERA is 8.64 after he gave up four runs (three earned) in the 10th-inning of Wednesday’s loss, the loudest on Taylor Ward’s two-run home run. In 33 appearances since last July 10, he has a 6.92 ERA, more than double the 2.68 he had before it last season. His fastball velocity, north of 95 mph on average most of his career, has been down to as low as 92 since spring training. “People go through slumps, and we can talk about last year, but if you see the numbers, he wasn’t horrible,” Cora said. “He’s not the Barnes we know right now. We all know that. We see it when he goes out there. He was throwing 95 in Toronto, then 93. Wednesday was 92, but we have to keep working. We can’t give up on him. He’s very important to what we’re trying to accomplish.” ... Kiké Hernández was out of the lineup Thursday due to an illness. The team hoped it wasn’t COVID-related, and said he was doing better after the game.



# BASEBALL

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	18	7	.720	—	—	9-1	L-1	10-3	8-4
Toronto	16	10	.615	2 ½	—	6-4	W-1	10-6	6-4
Tampa Bay	15	10	.600	3	—	7-3	W-3	9-7	6-3
Boston	10	16	.385	8 ½	4 ½	3-7	L-2	4-6	6-10
Baltimore	9	16	.360	9	5	3-7	W-1	6-6	3-10

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	15	10	.600	—	—	8-2	L-1	8-4	7-6
Chicago	11	13	.458	3 ½	2 ½	5-5	W-3	7-6	4-7
Cleveland	11	13	.458	3 ½	2 ½	4-6	W-1	4-4	7-9
Detroit	8	15	.348	6	5	2-8	L-1	5-9	3-6
Kansas City	8	15	.348	6	5	3-7	L-1	6-9	2-6

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	17	10	.630	—	—	7-3	W-2	8-5	9-5
Houston	14	11	.560	2	—	7-3	W-3	5-4	9-7
Seattle	12	13	.480	4	2	3-7	L-3	7-2	5-11
Texas	10	14	.417	5 ½	3 ½	5-5	W-4	4-9	6-5
Oakland	10	15	.400	6	4	2-8	L-6	4-9	6-6

## BOX SCORES

### LA. ANGELS 8, BOSTON 0

LA Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ohtani p-dh	4	1	2	1	0	.240
Ward rf	4	1	1	0	2	.368
Fletcher 2b	5	1	1	1	1	.156
Rendon 3b	3	1	0	1	1	.222
Walsh 1b	4	1	2	4	0	.247
Stassi c	4	0	0	0	3	.220
Mayfield lf	4	0	0	0	1	.227
a-Wade ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	.269
Marsh cf	4	2	2	1	2	.265
Velazquez ss	3	1	0	0	2	.130
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>		
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Story 2b	4	0	0	0	4	.210
Devers 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.284
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	0	2	.354
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	2	.306
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	1	.217
Cordero rf	4	0	0	0	1	.214
Dalbec 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.147
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	2	0	0	.150
Plawewski c	3	0	0	0	0	.204
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	

<b>LA. Angels</b>	<b>000 000 251</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Boston</b>	<b>000 000 000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

a-filed out for Mayfield in the 8th.  
**LOB:** Los Angeles 3, Boston 7.  
**2B:** Bradley Jr. (7), Martinez (9).  
**HR:** Walsh (4), off Houck; Marsh (3), off Crawford.  
**RBIs:** Walsh 4(18), Fletcher (2), Ohtani (13), Rendon (12), Marsh (16).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 1(Walsh); Boston 3(Cordero, Martinez, Devers).  
**RISP:** Los Angeles 5for 8; Boston 0for 6.  
**Runners moved up:** Rendon, Verdugo.

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ohtani, W, 3-2	7	6	0	0	0	11	3.08
Mayers	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.23
BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hill	5	1	0	0	1	6	2.86
Houck, L, 2-2	2½	5	7	7	1	4	5.14
Crawford	½	2	1	1	0	2	10.38
<b>Pitches-Strikes:</b> Ohtani 99-81; Mayers 28-17; Hill 68-40; Houck 56-37; Crawford 30-19.							
<b>Ground Balls-Fly Balls:</b> Ohtani 7-4; Mayers 1-1; Hill 3-5; Houck 1-5; Crawford 2-3.							
<b>Batters Faced:</b> Ohtani 28; Mayers 6; Hill 17; Houck 14; Crawford 7.							
<b>Inherited runners-scored:</b> Crawford 2-2.							
<b>WP:</b> Houck (Velazquez).							
<b>BP:</b> Ohtani, Houck.							
<b>Umpires:</b> Home, Paul Emmel; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Bruce Dreckman; Third, Pat Hoberg.							
T: 2:55. <b>A:</b> 29,476(37,755).							

### LATE WEDNESDAY:

#### TORONTO 2, N.Y. YANKEES 1

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.294
Judge rf	3	0	0	0	3	.293
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.242
Stanton dh	4	0	1	0	1	.266
1-Locastro pr	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Donaldson 3b	3	0	1	0	2	.274
2-Gonzalez pr	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Hicks cf	3	0	0	0	2	.270
Gallo lf	3	1	1	1	1	.188
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	0	0	0	.295
Higashioka c	2	0	0	0	0	.152
a-Torres ph	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Trevino c	0	0	0	0	0	.161
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	1	.277
Bichette ss	3	1	1	0	1	.239
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.286
Curriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	0	0	.274
M.Chapman 3b	2	1	1	1	0	.220
Espinal 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.247
Capra rf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Tapia rf	1	0	0	0	1	.225
Heineman c	3	0	0	0	0	.286
Zimmer cf	3	0	0	0	2	.061
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	

<b>N.Y. Yankees</b>	<b>001 000 000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>011 000 00x</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

a-grounded out for Higashioka in the 8th. 1-ran for Stanton in the 9th. 2-ran for Donaldson in the 9th. **LOB:** New York 7, Toronto 5. **2B:** Higashioka (3), Bichette (5), Gurriel Jr. (7). **HR:** Gallo (3), off Kikuchi; M.Chapman (5), off Cortes Jr.. **RBIs:** Gallo (4), M.Chapman (14), Guerrero Jr. (17). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 5 (Donaldson, Kiner-Falefa 3, Rizzo); Toronto 2(Espinal 2). **RISP:** New York 0 for 8; Toronto 1for 2. **Runners moved up:** Stanton, LeMahieu. **GIDP:** Rizzo, Heineman. **DP:** New York 1(LeMahieu, Rizzo); Toronto 1(Espinal, Bichette, Guerrero Jr.).

NY Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes Jr., L, 1-1	4	4	2	2	4	3	1.82
King	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.51
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.69
TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi, W, 1-1	6	3	1	1	1	7	4.35
Phelps, H, 2	½	0	0	0	2	0	2.61
Mayza, H, 6	½	0	0	0	0	1	0.93
Garcia, H, 6	1	0	0	0	1	4	3.35
Manzo, H, 12-13	1	2	0	0	1	1	1.35
Inherited runners-scored:	Mayza 2-0.						
<b>Umpires:</b> Home, Marty Foster; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Ron Kulp. T: 2:44. <b>A:</b> 29,057 (53,506).							

## ON THIS DATE MAY 6

**1915:** As a pitcher for Boston, Babe Ruth had three hits, including his first major league home run when he connected off Jack Warhop of the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds.  
**1917:** Bob Groom of the Browns duplicated teammate Ernie Koob's feat of the previous day by pitching a 3-0 no-hit victory against the Chicago White Sox in the second game of a doubleheader in St. Louis.  
**1944:** Carl Reynolds, Moose Solters, Rick Ferrell and Buckley Walters hit four consecutive triples in a 12-run fourth inning for the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, en route to a 14-4 win over the Detroit Tigers.  
**1941:** In his last game before entering the U.S. military, Detroit's Hank Greenberg hit two home runs with three RBIs to help the Tigers to a 7-4 victory over the New York Yankees.  
**1951:** Cliff Chambers of the Pittsburgh Pirates pitched a 3-0 no-hitter in the second game of a doubleheader against the Braves in Boston.

### COLORADO 9, WASHINGTON 7

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
C.Hernandez 2b	1	1	1	0	0	.278
Soto rf	3	2	2	1	0	.271
Bell 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.356
Y.Hernandez dh	5	0	2	0	0	.373
Franco 3b	5	1	3	1	0	.282
Ruiz c	5	1	2	2	0	.275
Strange-Gordon lf	5	0	1	0	1	.125
Robles cf	3	1	1	0	1	.242
Escobar ss	4	0	1	0	1	.197
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	
Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon rf	4	1	1	0	1	.256
Daza cf	3	0	0	0	1	.355
Grichuk dh	4	2	2	1	1	.325
Cron 1b	4	1	2	1	1	.313
McMahon 3b	3	1	1	0	2	.250
Rodgers 2b	4	2	2	4	2	.149
Hilliard lf	4	1	0	0	2	.190
Hampson ss	4	1	3	1	1	.154
Nunez c	4	0	1	0	0	.158
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	

<b>Washington</b>	<b>200 011 210</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>040 040 10x</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

E: Escobar (5), McMahon (5), Blackmon (1).  
**LOB:** Washington 9, Colorado 5.  
**2B:** Bell (7), Franco (7), Ruiz (6), Robles (6), Soto (5), McMahon (7), Rodgers (3).  
**HR:** Soto (6), off Senzatela; Ruiz (1), off Chacin; Hampson (1), off Sanchez; Rodgers (1), off Rogers; Grichuk (4), off Finnegan.  
**RBIs:** Soto (7), Bell (19), Ruiz 2(9), Franco (13), C.Hernandez (7), Rodgers (4), Hampson 3(3), Cron (23), Grichuk (16). **SB:** Y.Hernandez (1).  
**CS:** Daza (1). **S:** Robles.  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 5(C.Hernandez, Bell, Strange-Gordon, Ruiz 2); Colorado 2 (Rodgers, Daza). **RISP:** Washington 4for 14; Colorado 5for 9. **Runners moved up:** Y.Hernandez, Escobar, C.Hernandez, Daza. **GIDP:** Franco, Y.Hernandez. **DP:** Colorado 2(Rodgers, Cron; Hampson, Rodgers, Cron).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez, L, 1-2	4½	6	7	6	2	4	8.56
Rogers	½	1	1	1	0	3	4.50
Finnegan	1	2	1	1	0	2	5.59
Voith	½	1	0	1	0	1	5.23
Cishek	½	0	0	0	0	1	5.79
COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senzatela	4½	7	3	2	1	2	3.75
Chacin, W, 3-1	½	2	1	1	0	1	7.30
Stephenson	½	2	2	1	0	0	7.71
Kinley, H, 6	½	1	0	0	0	0	0.87
Colome, H, 3	1	2	1	1	0	0	5.87
Bard, S, 8-9	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.80
Inherited runners-scored:	Rogers 2-2, Cishek 2-0, Chacin 2-0, Kinley 1-1.						
<b>HBP:</b> Sanchez (Daza).							
<b>Umpires:</b> Home, Nick Mahrley; First, Rob Drake; Second, Will Little; Third, Greg Gibson. T: 3:25. <b>A:</b> 30,139(50,445).							

### LATE WEDNESDAY:

#### COLORADO 5, WASHINGTON 2

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
C.Hernandez 2b	0	2	1	0	0	.282
Soto rf	4	0	1	0	2	.258
Bell 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.349
Y.Hernandez dh	4	0	2	0	2	.371
Franco 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.265
Thomas lf	2	1	1	1	1	.219
Adams c	3	1	1	0	0	.148
Robles cf	1	0	0	1	1	.238
Escobar ss	3	0	0	0	3	.194
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	
Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Joe Iff	4	1	1	2	0	.272
Blackmon dh	4	0	0	1	1	.256
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	1	.315
Cron 1b	4	0	0	1	0	.304
Diaz c	4	0	0	0	2	.250
McMahon 3b	4	1	2	0	0	.247
Rodgers 2b	4	1	2	0	0	.127
Daza cf	4	1	1	0	0	.393
Iglesias ss	3	1	1	2	0	.294
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	

E: Escobar 2(4), C.Hernandez (2).  
**LOB:** Washington 2, Colorado 6.  
**2B:** Iglesias (5), Cron (6). **3B:** Joe (2).  
**HR:** Thomas (1), off Gombor.  
**RBIs:** C.Hernandez (6), Thomas (9), Iglesias 2(7), Joe 2(10), Blackmon (12).  
**CS:** C.Hernandez (1). **S:** Robles.  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 0; Colorado 5(Rodgers, Blackmon, Iglesias 2, Daza).  
**RISP:** Washington 1for 2; Colorado 2 for 13.  
**Runners moved up:** McMahon, Iglesias, Joe.  
**GIDP:** Franco, Soto, C.Hernandez, Bell, Cron.  
**DP:** Washington 1(Escobar, C.Hernandez, Bell); Colorado 4(Iglesias, Rodgers, Cron; Rodgers, Cron; McMahon, Iglesias, Cron; Rodgers, Iglesias, Cron).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L, 0-5	8	9	5	3	0	3	7.16
COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gomber, W, 2-2	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7	2	2	1	6	3.58
Kinley, H, 5	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	0.90
Bard, S, 7-8	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.00

**Inherited runners-scored:** Kinley 1-0.  
**HBP:** Kinley (Robles).  
**Umpires:** Home, Greg Gibson; First, Nick Mahrey; Second, Rob Drake; Third, Will Little.  
T: 2:18. **A:** 19,387(50,445).



SPORTS

NHL PLAYOFFS BRUINS

Swayman to start Game 3 in goal for Bruins

By Rich Thompson  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Coach Bruce Cassidy will start Jeremy Swayman in goal when the Bruins engage the Carolina Hurricanes on Friday night at TD Garden.

Cassidy made the announcement during a press briefing on Thursday morning at Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton. Cassidy gave the players the day off to recuperate from Thursday night’s grinding penalty plagued 5-2 loss to the Canes at PNC Arena.

The Hurricanes are up 2-0 in the best-of-seven opening-round Stanley Cup playoff series and have outscored the Bruins 10-3 with two

empty-net goals. Bruins’ goalie Linus Ullmark played great down the stretch in the regular season and was awarded top billing over Swayman in the first two games of the playoffs.

Ullmark registered a 4.17 goals against average and an .860 save percentage while facing 57 shots on goal in the two losses. Swayman’s last win was at Montreal on April 24 and he will be making his second career start in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

“Swayman will go,” said Cassidy. “Right now, I think Linus has been fine and like I said after Game 1 I think we have to do a better job at the other end.

“But if it ends up being one of

those 2-1 games where we need a performance where we get that timely save and give the guys some life. That’s where we are at right now, they are scoring goals and they are not giving very many up.

“It has to do a little bit at both ends. It’s not on Linus. I’m not saying Ullmark’s the reason, he’s not. But Swayman is going to be in there and he’ll get his opportunity and we’ve talked about using them both.”

Carolina coach Rob Brind’Amour was compelled to change goaltenders at 7:47 of the first period on Thursday night. Canes’ starter Antti Raanta left the ice with a mouth injury after being run by Bruins right wing

David Pastrnak. He was replaced by Pyotr Kochetkov, who finished with 30 saves.

**Blue-line shuffle:** Cassidy said that defenseman Mike Reilly will replace injured Hampus Lindholm but had not finalized his blue-line pairings for Game 3.

Lindholm was on the business end of a brutal collision with Carolina right wing Andrei Svechnikov along the end boards in the Boston end at 17:11 of the second. Svechnikov lined up Lindholm, made initial contact in the upper chest and caught him under the chin

The secondary hit is what caused Lindholm to appear woozy and needing assistance to exit the

sheet. Despite the severity of the contact to the head, Svechnikov caught two minutes in the cooler for roughing.

“He (Lindholm) traveled back but he’s not available and we will go from there,” said Cassidy. “We have got Mike Reilly who’s a left shot and he’s played a lot of games for us so right now he is the obvious choice to go in.

“He’s played with Charlie McAvoy and he’s played with (Brandon) Carlo so it shouldn’t be any adjustment period for him in terms of who he is playing with. The adjustment is being injected into a very intense physical play-off series and he has to be prepared for that.”



UConn’s Casey Dana recovered quickly from an injury and hit a clutch inside-the-park homer for UConn baseball last weekend. The Huskies face Creighton this weekend in a pivotal Big East series in Storrs. **KELLY SHEEHAN/AP**

UConn

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gaudy record has been success in close games. UConn is 5-0 in extra-inning games and 11-4 in games decided by two runs or less.

“It’s veterans,” Penders said. “These kids have been down the block.”

The RPI race

UConn has been ranked in the top 20 in most of the national polls but, significantly, not Baseball America’s, which is evidently putting a lot of weight on the RPI. UConn was in the 60s in RPI two weeks ago despite its record, because of its strength of schedule. But as the Huskies have continued to win, so have some of the

teams they beat earlier in the year, and the RPI is improving. They are 45th at the start of play Thursday.

The Huskies have seven games in a row at home, including three vs. Creighton, No. 97, and three vs. Xavier, No. 83. Series wins could push UConn into position to get an at-large NCAA bid in the event they don’t win conference tournament and its automatic bid. The four-day Big East tournament begins on May 26 at Xavier.

Draft opinions

UConn has several players with hopes of being taken in the 20-round MLB amateur draft July 17-19. Reggie Crawford, the combo slugging first baseman and hard throwing lefty pitcher, is out for the college season after having Tommy John surgery in Septem-

ber, but he is still considered likely to go in the first round. Padres GM A.J. Preller, a frequent visitor to New England, was on campus recently to watch and meet with Crawford, who is doing some light throwing and swinging.

“Somebody’s gonna take Reggie in the first round,” Penders said. “They’d be stupid to pass on him.”

Peterson and outfielder Eric Stock could go somewhere between Rounds 5 and 10. Catcher Matt Donlan, pitcher Pat Gallagher, Dana and first baseman Ben Huber are others with hopes of getting a call on Day 2 or 3.

Dana’s older brother, Cullen, was drafted by the Padres in 2018. His younger brother, Caden, is expected to be a high draft pick out of high school this year.

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on the play.

The victory evened the best-of-seven series at one game apiece, and the scene now shifts to Pittsburgh for the next two games, with Game 3 coming up on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Panarin, who assisted on the first two Ranger goals, by Andrew Copp and Ryan Strome, scored his first goal of the playoffs at 8:02 of the third period, to give the Rangers a little breathing room and a 4-2 lead, when he sent backhanded centering pass toward the goal crease and the puck banked in off Penguins defenseman Mike Matheson and got past goaltender Louis Domingue.

Vatrano made it 5-2 a minute and 47 seconds later when he slipped by Matheson on a rush up the right wing boards, cut in, and whipped a wrist shot over the right shoulder of the right-handed-catching Domingue.

Pittsburgh started the game with Domingue, it’s third-string goaltender, in net, after backup Casey DeSmith had been forced to leave Game 1 in the second overtime because of a lower body injury. No. 1 goalie Tristan Jarry is already out with a lower body injury, believed to be a broken foot.

Pittsburgh also was without forward Rickard Rakell and Brian Dumoulin, who both suffered injuries in Game 1, while the Rangers were without defenseman Ryan Lindgren and forward Barclay Goodrow, whom coach Gerard Gallant said were “banged up.”

Meanwhile, Shesterkin, who made a Rangers record 79 saves in Game 1, was back in goal for the Blueshirts and just as sharp as always. He made xx saves, many of them of the highest quality. Shesterkin was especially busy in the second period, when the Rangers were outshot, 17-14, and in the early part of the third, before Panarin cooled the pressure off with his goal.

The Rangers were helped by getting a couple of power plays in Game 2, which was something they didn’t see much of in the series opener.

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recruits or as a form of pay-for-play contracts.

Wong, who has apparently opted to stay at Miami, surely wasn’t the first player to have a representative make a demand based on a player’s perceived market value, and he won’t be the last, experts said.

“He was just the first to be so public about it,” said Todd Berry, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association.

Tens of thousands of athletes across many sports have cashed in, according to Opendorse, a firm that works with schools on player-compensation matters ranging from brand-building to compliance.

Deals can be worth as little as a few hundred dollars; some reportedly top \$1 million. Football players earn the most, followed by women’s and men’s basketball players, according to Opendorse. Endorsements can be found far and wide, even in seemingly low-profile sports such as golf, rowing and hockey.

So far, it’s only been individual players like landing big deals, but that could change. LeRoy, the labor law professor, wondered what would happen if players from the same basketball team made a joint demand for more generous endorsement pay, putting a program in a bind.

It’s easier for a football team to bounce back if players seeking better endorsements transfer to other schools because the rosters are larger than in basketball. But keeping everyone happy is a challenge for coaches.

“All 85 players are your roster and free agents every year,” Berry said. “This is a professional model. It’s not a collegiate model anymore.”

TCU football coach Sonny Dykes said recruits routinely ask about endorsement deals.

“Basically, all we can do is pass on a number and say, ‘Hey, you can talk to this guy, and he’ll tell you what we can or can’t do.’ It’s really that simple,” Dykes said. “The concern for me is that somebody makes a promise to a kid and doesn’t follow through. We have no control over that.”

In many cases, the people to call are the ones running so-called collectives, sports marketing agencies that have sprung up to support specific schools and facilitate deals between their

athletes and businesses such as apparel companies, energy drink companies, car dealerships and restaurants.

At Texas, one group is dangling \$50,000 a year to individual offensive linemen for work supporting community charities, such as in-person appearances, promotions or representation. At the University of Oregon, billionaire Nike founder Phil Knight is part of group helping Ducks athletes line up deals.

Nigel Pack, a men’s basketball player who transferred to Miami from Kansas State, signed with the software company LifeWallet for \$800,000, plus the use of a car for two years. UConn basketball player Paige Bueckers last year was the first college athlete to sign a deal to represent Gatorade.

A large majority of athletic directors worry that collectives are improperly using endorsement contracts to recruit players from high schools or other colleges, according to a survey released Wednesday by LEAD1, an association of athletic directors at the 130 schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

“This is a transformational period in college sports and the results of our survey illustrate that (athletic directors) are extremely concerned with a number of key issues,” LEAD1 President Tom McMillen said.

The NCAA, the governing body of college sports, has taken a mostly hands-off approach since allowing endorsement deals, and more than two dozen states have laws allowing endorsement deals. Most of the state laws include the ban on pay-for-play.

But as cases like Wong’s illustrate how quickly college sports is changing, there is new pressure to study the issue. On Thursday, the commissioners of the Southeastern Conference and Pac-12, two of the wealthiest leagues in college sports, were scheduled to meet with lawmakers in Washington to lobby for some federal regulations, which could include possible bans on using endorsement contracts as recruiting inducements and pay-for-play deals.

Leagues, schools and some coaches worry the new free-for-all upends competitive balance, disrupts rosters and pushes more control over athletic programs to outside forces.

What caught many by surprise is how quickly deep-pocketed collectives and wealthy individuals aligned with major colleges poured in to raise and dangle millions of dollars in front of athletes.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Upcoming dinner will help fund scholarship in DeBrito’s memory

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

John DeBrito was known for the joy and passion with which he played soccer, and for making all his teammates feel a part of his teams.

He led Southern Connecticut to two NCAA Division II championships.

“Not just that Johnny was a great player, but one of his best attributes was that he made the worst guy on the team feel as good as the best guy,” said Ray Reid, who coached DeBrito at Southern. “He was a fantastic, well-liked, well-loved kid and a huge family guy.”

DeBrito, who became a firefighter in Florida, died suddenly in March 2020 at age 51. Reid, who retired as UConn coach last year, and the DeBrito family are driving fundraising efforts to establish a scholarship to be given in his DeBrito’s memory, starting with a dinner at Aria in Prospect on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. The future recipients will have the honor of wearing DeBrito’s No. 14 for SCSU.

“You’d want that player to be someone who embodies what Johnny was all about,” Reid said.

“I would hope the young man who wins that scholarship and wears that jersey would be someone who would be humble, be kind, be giving,” said Vera DeBrito-Esdaile, John’s sister, “but as a soccer player and an athlete, would be very competitive. John was very competitive, but he was a team player; a teammate’s player. Everybody that played on the team with him had a relationship with him.”

John’s older brother, Pedro DeBrito, helped UConn win the Division I national championship in 1981, and died in a car acci-

dent in 2014 at age 55.

The DeBrito family moved from Cape Verde to Portugal and then to Waterbury when John was very young. He played at Kaynor Tech in Waterbury before going to Southern, where he had 20 goals and 32 assists and scored both goals in the 2-0 victory over Cal-Northridge in the NCAA Division II final in 1987. He captained the 1990 championship team.

Both Pedro and John DeBrito played professionally and are in the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame.

“They’re the most influential brothers in the history of soccer in the state of Connecticut,” Reid said.

The family established a scholarship program in Pedro’s honor in 2014. The organization is now called the Pedro and John DeBrito Foundation and will expand its efforts. A long list of soccer luminaries will be present Thursday in Prospect, Reid is expecting more than 450 in attendance. In the future, there will be more dinners, golf tournaments and other events to raise funds.

“I’ve always known how John just naturally engaged with people and had a humble spirit,” Vera said. “But to see an event like this come together and so many folks that he has come in contact with and made an impact on, and this is something they want to be a part of, is absolutely overwhelming. It doesn’t surprise me, John was that type of person, I just didn’t know the grandness of it all.”

For information and tickets for the dinner, contact Reid at Rayreiduc@yahoo.com or visit the Connecticut State Soccer Association website.

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WNBA

Former UConn star Nelson-Ododa earns roster spot with Sparks

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

The past week has been filled with talented draft picks getting waived across the WNBA, but one former UConn star was able to earn an elusive spot.

Center Olivia Nelson-Ododa made the Los Angeles Sparks’ opening night roster, the team announced on Thursday.

Drafted 19th overall by the Sparks in this year’s draft, the 6-foot-5 Nelson-Ododa is one of just seven players selected in the second and third rounds to make a roster this season. However, she will miss the first game of the season against the Chicago Sky with hip injury and is considered week-to-week, according to an injury report released by the team.

Forward Katie Lou Samuelson, another former Husky, is also on the Sparks’ roster. Samuelson was traded from the Seattle Storm along with the No. 9 overall pick in the 2022 draft in exchange for Gabby

Williams but has been placed on a partial season suspension until she rejoins the team from her overseas commitments.

Sparks general manager and head coach Derek Fisher said that the team may not have even drafted Nelson-Ododa if not for circumstances with Lauren Cox expected to be late to training camp and Amanda Zahui B. — now placed on the full season suspension list — not able to join the team until potentially mid June due to overseas commitments.

However, Nelson-Ododa made a strong impression throughout training camp and averaged 11.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists in two preseason games.

“Nelson-Ododa has, I think, proven that she probably is here to stay,” Fisher said. “I mean, she does a lot of really high-level things as a basketball player. She’s smart, she’s high character, high integrity, and that’s the type of players and people that we want to build with.”



# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

**PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**  
**EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*  
**#1 Miami 2, #4 Philadelphia 0**  
**May 2:** Miami 106-92  
**May 4:** Miami 119-103  
**Friday:** at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at Philadelpia, 8 p.m.  
**x-Tuesday:** at Miami, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at Philadelphia, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at at Miami, TBD

**#2 Boston 1, #3 Milwaukee 1**  
**May 1:** Milwaukee 101-89  
**May 3:** Boston 109-86.  
**Saturday:** at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** at Boston, 7 p.m.  
**x-May 13:** at Milwaukee, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at Boston, TBD

**WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**#1 Phoenix 2, #4 Dallas 0**  
**May 2:** Phoenix 121-114.  
**May 4:** at Phoenix 129-109.  
**Friday:** at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.  
**x-Tuesday:** at Phoenix, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at Dallas, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at Phoenix, TBD

**#3 Golden State 1, #2 Memphis 1**  
**May 1:** Golden State 117-116  
**May 3:** Memphis 106-101  
**Saturday:** at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Golden State, 10 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.  
**x-May 13:** at Golden State, TBD  
**May 16:** at Mephis, TBD

## WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Connecticut	0	0	.000	—
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
Lac Vegas	0	0	.000	—
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Washington, 7p.m.  
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8p.m.  
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10p.m.  
Minnesota at Seattle, 10p.m.

## USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	2	1	0	.667	58	50
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	63	70
Michigan	1	2	0	.333	42	27
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	26	71
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	3	0	0	1.000	83	65
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	70	42
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	47	63
Houston	1	2	0	.333	71	72

### WEEK 4

#### FRIDAY'S GAME

Philadelphia at Michigan, 10p.m.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 2:30p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Birmingham, 7p.m.

### SUNDAY'S GAME

Houston at New Orleans, 3p.m.

### USFL SEASON LEADERS

PASS YARDS	YDS	TD	I
Kyle Slotter, NO	657	4	2
J'Mar Smith, Birm	581	5	2
Bryan Scott, Phi	558	5	2
Jordan Ta'amu, TB	502	2	4
Clayton Thorson, Hou	454	5	5
Josh Love, Pit	440	2	2
Shea Patterson, Mich	364	1	0
Default Headshot, NJ	315	2	1
DeAndre Johnson, NJ	237	0	0
RECEIVING YARDS	REC	YDS	TD
Johnnie Dixon, NO	16	165	3
Bailey Galthier, Pit	10	159	1
Victor Bolden Jr., Birm	18	153	1
Osirus Mitchell, Birm	8	144	2
Default Headshot, Phi	11	136	2
Isaiah Zuber, Hou	7	136	3
Jordan Sull, Phi	11	135	0
Derrick Dillon, TB	7	135	1
Marlon Williams, Birm	4	135	2

RUSHING YARDS	CAR	YDS	TD
Mark Thompson, Hou	53	310	1
Jordan Ellis, NO	64	243	1
DeAndre Johnson, NJ	33	216	2
Trey Williams, NJ	41	198	0
Garrett Groshek, Pit	44	160	0
Darius Victor, NJ	39	156	3
Reggie Corbin, Mich	28	154	1
Stevie Scott III, Mich	38	153	2
Madre London, Pit	35	137	0
CJ Marable, Birm	39	134	2

SCORING	PT	TD	PS	NUM	REC
Br.Scott, Phi	39	6	5	1	0
J.Scott, Birm	36	6	5	1	0
K.Slotter, NO	34	5	4	1	0
C.Thorson,Hou	30	5	5	0	0

TACKLES	SOLO	A	TCK	I
Donald Payne, Hou	26	15	41	0
Jerod Fernandez, NO	19	13	32	0
DeMarquis Gates, Bir	18	9	27	1
Scobey Wright III, Bir	13	13	26	0
Vontae Diggs, NO	19	7	26	1
Reggie Northrup, Hou	14	11	25	0

SACKS	SCK	YDS	FF
Chris Odom, Hou	4.5	36	2
Davin Bellamy, NO	4.5	26	0
DeMarquis Gates, Birm	2.5	12	1
Carlo Kemp, Pit	2.5	9	1
Dondrea Tillman, Birm	2.5	12	2
Ahmad Gooden, Hou	2.0	11	3
Adam Rodriguez, Phi	2.0	5	0

INTERCEPTIONS	INT	YDS	TD
Lorenzo Burns, Birm	2	26	0
Channing Stribling, Phi	2	32	0
Will Likely, Hou	2	69	1

## HORSE RACING

### 148TH KENTUCKY DERBY

**Post position draw for Saturday's field at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.; with jockey and odds from the rail out: POST TIME: 6:57 p.m. ET**  
**Distance: 1-1/4 miles (10 furlongs); 2,012 m; Surface: Dirt**  
**Race 12. Stakes Purse \$3,000,000. For 3-Year-Olds, Colts, With An Entry Fee Of \$25,000 Each And A Starting Fee Of \$25,000 Each.**

PP.	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	2022	ODDS
1.	Mo Donegal	Irad Ortiz Jr.	Todd Pletcher	2-1-0-1	10-1
2.	Happy Jack	Rafael Bejarano	Doug F. O'Neill	4-1-0-2	30-1
3.	Epicenter	Mickael Rosario	Steven Assmusen	3-2-1-0	7-2
4.	Summer Is Tomorrow	Mickael Barzalona	Bhupat Seemar	4-1-2-0	30-1
5.	Misley Happy	Corney Lanerie	Kenneth G. McPeck	2-0-2-0	20-1
6.	Messier	John Velazquez	Tim Yakteen	2-1-1-0	8-1
7.	Crown Pride	Christopher Lemaire	Kiuchi Shintani	2-1-0-1	20-1
8.	Charge It	Luis Saez	Todd Pletcher	3-1-2-0	20-1
9.	Tiz The Bomb	Brian Hernandez Jr.	Kenneth G. McPeck	3-2-0-0	30-1
10.	Zandon	Flavien Prat	Chad C. Brown	2-1-0-1	3-1
11.	Pioneer of Medina	Joe Bravo	Todd Pletcher	3-1-0-1	30-1
12.	Taiba	Mike Smith	Tim Yakteen	2-2-0-0	12-1
13.	Simplification	Jose Ortiz	Antonio Sano	4-2-1-1	20-1
14.	Barber Road	Rey Gutierrez	John Alexander Ortiz	4-0-3-1	30-1
15.	White Abarrio	Tyler Gaffalione	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.	2-2-0-0	10-1
16.	Cyberknife	Florent Geroux	Brad H. Cox	3-2-0-0	20-1
17.	Classic Causeway	Ljupin Leparoux	Brad H. Cox	3-2-0-0	30-1
18.	Tawny Port	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Brad H. Cox	4-2-1-0	30-1
19.	Zozos	Manny Franco	D. Wayne Lukas	4-1-0-0	20-1

Also Eligible	Strikie	Sonny Leon	Eric R. Reed	3-0-0-2	30-1
21. Rattle N Roll	James Graham	Kenneth G. McPeck	3-0-0-0	30-1	
<b>Owners: 1 - Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford) and Repole Stable (Mike Repole) ; 2 - Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley) ; 3 - Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ron Winchell) ; 4 - Michael Hilary and Negar Burke ; 5 - Lucky Seven Stable (Michael J. Mackin) ; 6 - SF Racing, LLC (Gavin Murphy), Starlight Racing (Jack Wolf, et al.), Madaket Stables, LLC (Sol Kumin), Catherine M. Donovan and Robert E. Masterson, et al. Owner Link ; 7 - Teruya Yoshida ; 8 - Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (Amanda Pope) ; 9 - Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck, et al.), Lessee ; 10 - Jeff Drown ; 11 - Sumaya U. S. Stables (Oussama Aboughazaleh) ; 12 - Zedan Racing Stables (Amr F. Zedan) ; 13 - Tami Bobo and Tristan de Meric ; 14 - WSS Racing, LLC (William Simm) ; 15 - C2 Racing Stable, LLC (Clint Cornett and Mark Cornett) and La Milagrosa Stable, LLC (Antonio Pagnano) Owner Link ; 16 - Gold Square, LLC (Al Gold) ; 17 - Kentucky West Racing, LLC (Patrick O'Keefe) and Clarke M. Cooper ; 18 - Peachtree Stable (John Fort) ; 19 - Barry and Joni Butzow ; 20 - Julie Gilbert and Aaron Sons ; 21 - RED TR-Racing, LLC (Richard Dawson) ; 22 - Lucky Seven Stable (Michael J. Mackin)</b>					
<b>Weights:</b> 126 pounds. <b>First place:</b> \$1,860,000. <b>Second place:</b> \$600,000. <b>Third place:</b> \$300,000. <b>Fourth place:</b> \$150,000. <b>Fifth place:</b> \$90,000.					

## NHL

### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Carolina 2, Boston 0**  
**May 2:** Carolina 5-1.  
**May 4:** Carolina 5-2.  
**Friday:** at Boston, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at Boston, 12:30 p.m.  
**x-Tuesday:** at Carolina, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at Boston, TBD  
**x-May 14:** at Carolina, TBD

**Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers 0**  
**May 3:** Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)  
**Thursday:** at N.Y. Rangers, late  
**Saturday:** at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
**x-Wednesday:** at N.Y. Rangers, TBD  
**x-May 13:** at Pittsburgh, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

**Toronto 1, Tampa Bay 1**  
**May 2:** Toronto 5-0.  
**May 4:** Tampa Bay 5-3  
**Friday:** at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** at Toronto, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at Tampa Bay, TBD  
**x-May 14:** at Toronto, TBD

**Washington 1, Florida 0**  
**May 3:** Washington 4-2.  
**Thursday:** at Florida, late  
**Saturday:** at Washington, 1 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Washington, 7 p.m.  
**x-Wednesday:** at Florida, TBD  
**x-May 13:** at Washington, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at Florida, TBD

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Calgary 1, Dallas 0

**May 3:** Calgary 1-0  
**Thursday:** at Calgary, late  
**Saturday:** at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.  
**x-Wednesday:** at Calgary, TBD  
**x-May 13:** at Dallas, TBD  
**x-May 15:** at Calgary, TBD

##### Los Angeles 1, Edmonton 1

**May 2:** Los Angeles 4-3.  
**May 4:** Edmonton 6-0  
**Friday:** at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** at Edmonton, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at Los Angeles, TBD  
**x-May 14:** at Edmonton, TBD

##### Colorado 1, Nashville 0

**May 3:** Colorado 7-2.  
**Thursday:** at Colorado, late  
**Saturday:** at Nashville, 4:30 p.m.  
**Monday:** at Nashville, 9:30 p.m.  
**x-Wednesday:** at Colorado, TBD  
**x-May 13:** at Nashville, TBD  
**x-May 15:** Nashville at Colorado, TBD

##### St. Louis 1, Minnesota 1

**May 2:** St. Louis 4-0.  
**May 4:** Minnesota 6-2.  
**Friday:** at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** at St. Louis, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** at Minnesota, TBD  
**x-May 12:** at St. Louis, TBD  
**x-May 14:** at Minnesota, TBD

### GOALTENDING SHUTOUTS

#### AT AGE 40+

GOALIE	DATE	TM	OPP	SV
Mike Smith	5-4-22	Edm	LA	30
Dwayne Roloson	4-27-11	TB	Pit	36
Dominik Hasek	5-15-07	Det	Ana	29
Dominik Hasek	5-7-07	Det	SJ	28
Gump Worsley	4-5-72	MNS	StL	27
Jacques Plante	4-28-70	StL	Pit	21
Jacques Plante	4-15-69	StL	LA	30
Jacques Plante	4-05-69	StL	Phi	27
Jacques Plante	4-03-69	StL	Phi	21
Johnny Bower	4-22-67	Tor	Mon	31

### MOST SAVES, 2022 PLAYOFFS

GOALIE	SV	DT	TM	OPP	R
Igor Shesterkin	79	5-3	NYR	Pit	OL
Casey Desmith	48	5-3	Pit	NYR	W
Ville Husso	37	5-2	StL	Min	W
Jonathan Quick	36	5-2	LA	Edm	W
Antti Raanta	35	5-2	Car	Bos	W
Sergei Bobrovsky	34	5-3	Fla	Was	L
Marc-Andre Fleury	32	5-4	Min	StL	W
Andrei Vasilevsky	31	5-4	TB	Tor	W
Mike Smith	31	5-2	Edm	LA	L
Vitek Vanecek	30	5-3	Was	Fla	W
Mike Smith	30	5-4	Edm	LA	W
Jonathan Quick	30	5-4	LA	Edm	L
Pyothr Kocetekow	30	5-4	Car	Bos	W
Connor Ingram	30	5-3	Nas	Col	L
Linus Ullmark	29	5-4	Bos	Car	L
Jack Campbell	29	5-4	Tor	TB	L

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## TENNIS

### MUTUA MADRID OPEN

**At Caja Magica, Madrid, Red clay-out**  
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**  
#1 Novak Djokovic d. Andy Murray, walkover.

#2 Alexander Zverev d.  
Lorenzo Musetti, 6-3, 1-0, ret.  
#3 Rafael Nadal d. David Goffin, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6(9).

#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.  
Grigor Dimitrov, 6-3, 6-4.  
#6 Andrey Rublev d. Daniel Evans, 7-6(7), 7-5.  
#7 Carlos Alcaraz d.

#9 Cameron Norrie, 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-3.  
#8 Felix Auger-Aliassime d.  
#10 Jannik Sinner, 6-1, 6-2.  
#12 Hubert Hurkacz d. Dusan Lajovic, 7-5, 6-3.

### WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#8 Ons Jabeur d.  
Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-2, 6-3.  
#12 Jessica Pegula d.  
Jil Teichmann, 6-3, 6-4.

**WTA L' OPEN 35 DE SAINT MALO**  
**At Saint Malo, France; clay-outdoors**  
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**  
#4 Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Laura Pigossi, 6-4, 7-6(5).

#7 Claire Liu d. Elsa Jacquemot, 6-3, 6-2.  
#5 Daryna Zanevska d. Fiona Ferro, 6-4, 7-5.  
#8 Magdalena Frech d. Diane Parry, 6-3, 7-5.

## SOCCER

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	3	18	13	6
N.Y. Red Bulls	5	2	17	15	7	
Orlando City	5	3	17	12	11	
CF Montreal	4	3	2	14	16	18
New York City FC	4	3	1	13	19	10
Cincinnati	4	5	1	13	13	17
Columbus	3	3	12	13	9	
Atlanta	3	4	2	11	11	13
Toronto FC	3	5	2	11	16	21
New England	3	5	1	10	14	16
Charlotte FC	3	6	1	10	9	13
Inter Miami CF	3	5	1	10	9	18
Chicago	2	3	4	10	6	7
D.C. United	3	5	0	9	10	13




WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	1	1	22	21	8
Austin FC	6	1	2	20	22	8
LA Galaxy	5	3	1	16	10	7
FC Dallas	4	1	4	16	14	7
Real Salt Lake	4	2	4	16	10	13
Minnesota United	4	3	2	14	11	8
Houston	3	3	3	12	12	11
Colorado	3	3	3	12	11	11
Nashville	3	3	3	12	9	10
Portland	2	3	5	11	10	15
Sporting KC	2	6	2	8	8	16
Seattle	2	4	1	7	9	11
San Jose	1	5	3	6	15	23
Vancouver	1	6	1	4	6	17

Three points for win, one point for tie.



WEATHER




FRIDAY



Cloudy with periods of rain developing in the afternoon, but earlier in southwestern areas of the state.

HIGH 65°  
LOW 48°




SATURDAY



Periods of rain, especially in the morning and in the southern portions of the state. Breezy.

HIGH 53°  
LOW 41°




SUNDAY



Variable cloudiness and breezy, a shower is possible.

HIGH 57°  
LOW 40°




MONDAY



Partly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 64°  
LOW 43°

TUESDAY







Partly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 69°  
LOW 46°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

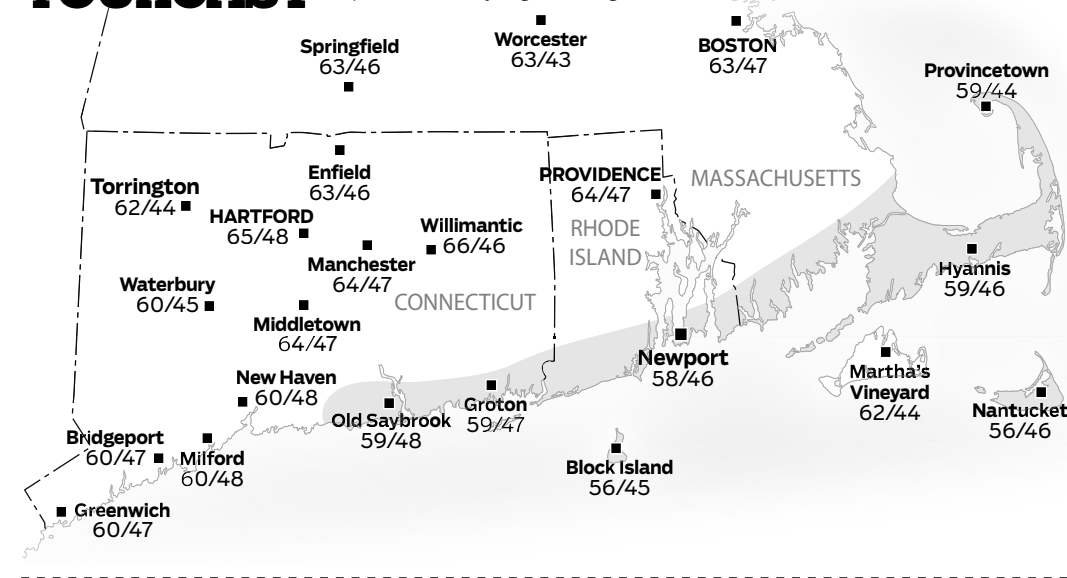
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A warm front over the mid-Atlantic states will cause mostly cloudy skies here on Friday. Some rain is likely this afternoon, especially in southwestern portions of the state. The rain is likely to continue overnight and at least into Saturday morning. The heaviest rainfall still looks to be passing by to the south of the region, and southern portions of the state should have more precipitation than northern areas. Saturday will be very breezy with peak wind gusts up to 35 or 40 mph. The highest gusts will be along the shoreline. There still could be a lingering shower or two on Sunday.

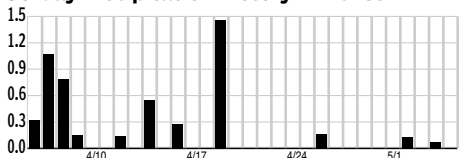
-Gary Lessor

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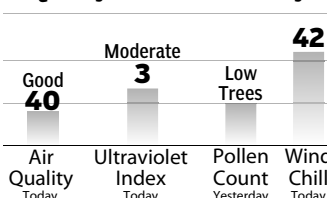
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.13
Month to date	0.20 0.62
Total this year	14.90 14.72

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

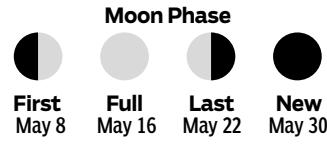
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:41 a.m.	5:40 a.m.
Sunset	7:53 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise	9:33 a.m.	10:32 a.m.
Moonset	12:47 a.m.	1:30 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	1:56 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	8:38 a.m. 8:38 p.m.	54°
Saybrook Jetty	3:07 a.m. 3:46 p.m.	9:31 a.m. 9:31 p.m.	53°
Connecticut River at Portland	5:50 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	12:23 a.m. 1:17 p.m.	
Madison	3:10 a.m. 3:51 p.m.	9:15 a.m. 9:29 p.m.	53°
New Haven	3:30 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	9:56 a.m. 10:10 p.m.	51°
Stamford	3:34 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	10:10 a.m. 10:24 p.m.	52°

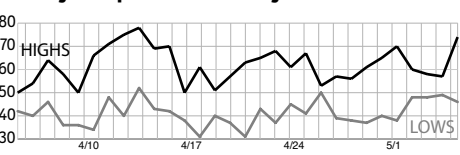
River Stage at Hartford: 5.59 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W Showers	L.I. Sound E Cloudy	B.I. Sound Cloudy
Wind	SE, 5	S, 5	S, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	74 at 3:00 p.m.	46 at 5:51 a.m.
Normal for date	69	45
Record for date	93 in 1949	30 in 2005
A year ago	57	50
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 5	5235	5702	5264

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.09 at 9 a.m.	29.98 at 5 p.m.
Dew point	50° at 12 a.m.	27° at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

<b>NEW ENGLAND</b> Bangor 63 30 PC Burlington 62 34 PC Caribou 50 26 PC Concord 66 37 PC Montpelier 59 30 PC Mt. Wash. 33 20 PC Portland 63 36 PC Woods Hole 59 46 C	Baltimore 61 50 R Bismarck 70 46 C Boise 71 49 C Buffalo 65 41 C Charleston 89 65 PC Cincinnati 69 52 T Cleveland 61 49 SH Indianapolis 63 48 R Jacksonville 91 66 PC Las Vegas 97 74 S Miami Beach 85 77 PC Milwaukee 57 43 C	Nashville 73 54 T New Orleans 87 69 T New York 59 48 R Okla. City 76 56 S Omaha 67 52 PC Orlando 92 70 S Pittsburgh 63 49 R Raleigh 83 63 T St. Louis 61 50 SH Salt Lake City 75 55 PC San Antonio 95 74 S San Diego 70 60 PC	San Juan 87 77 PC Tucson 98 64 S <b>WORLD</b> Amsterdam 66 48 SH Athens 70 54 S Bangkok 86 79 T Bangkok 86 79 T Beijing 75 50 SH Beirut 71 61 SH Berlin 68 48 PC Bermuda 77 70 PC Budapest 76 55 PC Buenos Aires 73 59 PC Cairo 81 59 S Cancun 88 77 PC Dubai 97 77 S Dublin 61 48 R Edinburgh 62 45 SH Helsinki 61 34 S Hong Kong 84 77 PC Istanbul 64 50 PC Jerusalem 64 52 PC Johannesburg 70 52 S Singapore 91 73 T	Stockholm 65 47 PC Sydney 70 48 S Tel Aviv 72 58 PC Tokyo 77 57 C Toronto 57 48 S Vancouver 54 45 SH Warsaw 68 46 T Moscow 61 43 S Nassau 84 73 SH New Delhi 104 77 PC Paris 73 52 S Prague 72 41 PC Rio de Janeiro 82 64 SH Rome 70 54 R Seoul 77 59 C
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KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse racing's new governing body in rush to starting gate

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With interest among the general public at its highest with the 148th Kentucky Derby coming up Saturday, horse racing is once again under intense scrutiny.

The industry has been rocked by scandal in recent years, including the disqualification of last year's Kentucky Derby winner, a horse doping conspiracy involving trainers and veterinarians, and the punishment of its highest-profile trainer.

The sport's seeming inability to police itself drew the attention of the federal government in 2020. The result is the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act set to go into effect July 1.

The act will be implemented in stages, with the racetrack safety program starting immediately.



**Kentucky Derby**  
**When:** 6:57 p.m. Sat.  
**TV:** NBC

The antidoping and medication rules aren't expected to begin until early 2023, leaving states in charge for now.

"We have to do it," said Tom Rooney, new president and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "We have to have the same standards in every jurisdiction."

Unlike the central offices that govern the NFL, NBA, MLB and NHL, the 38 U.S. racing states operate under patchwork rules that vary from track to track. Horses, owners, trainers and jockeys move frequently between states to compete. Locales honor

punishments meted out elsewhere, but inconsistencies can create confusion and make it possible to game the system.

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert is serving a 90-day suspension imposed by Kentucky racing officials that will keep him out of the Derby on Saturday, a race he's won six times. The punishment came after 2021 Derby winner Medina Spirit failed a post-race drug test. The colt was later disqualified.

East Coast trainer Jorge Navarro is serving five years in prison for his role in a horse doping conspiracy. He also was fined \$25.8 million.

Trainer Jason Servis is set for trial next year as part of the same case. He has declared his innocence. Servis trained 2019 Kentucky Derby winner Maximum Security, who was disqualified

for interference during the race.

Navarro and Servis were among over two dozen people indicted after a lengthy FBI investigation.

Despite such hits to the sport's reputation, there appears to be growing trepidation in the industry over the prospect of sweeping change brought by HISA.

The program has already been challenged in the courts, with two lawsuits seeking to kill it.

In late March, a lawsuit filed by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and a group of its affiliates questioned HISA's constitutionality. It was dismissed by a federal judge in Texas and is being appealed.

The second suit filed in Kentucky by the state of Oklahoma and eight other states is similar to the NHBPA's suit. It has yet to be heard.

Whether the implementation of HISA is a reaction to placate vocal critics or representative of meaningful change is an ongoing debate within the industry.

"As trainers, we have mixed emotions because we're going to have people making decisions that aren't very educated in our sport," said D. Wayne Lukas, a Hall of Fame trainer. "It just seems hard to tell where they're going to go."

Steve Asmussen, North America's winningest trainer, comes from a family-run horse training operation in Laredo, Texas.

"I worry that all the decisions are being made by people that have other forms of income and would be eliminating people like my family, where lower-level racing was all of the income," he said. "I would think that would be very negative for the sport going forward."

WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North Windsor 6, NEW BRITAIN 2  
W 004-101-0-6-8-2  
NB 000-002-0-2-2-0  
WP: Mason Glickman. LP: Will Estronza. Rec.: W-12-0; NB-2-10.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-Central EAST CATHOLIC 19, WINDSOR 3  
Goals: EC—Mallory Bartlett (6), Marissa Pinkham (3), Bree Upton (3), Xamathi Quinonez (3), Meghan Croyle (2), Kylie Branon, Prisha Thomas; W—Emma Butterick (3). Saves: EC—Maren Riley, Bubby Zotta and McKayla Orvis, 13. Rec.: EC-4-3-1; W-0-9. Note: Bartlett also had 4assists.

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-East: E.O. Smith at RHAM  
CCC-Inter: Platt at Bloomfield co-op; Hartford Public/HMTCA at Northwest Catholic; East Hartford at Windsor, 4p.m.; Avon at Wethersfield, 4 p.m.; Rocky Hill at Lewis Mills, 4:15p.m.; Simsbury at Berlin, 6p.m.  
NCCC: Rockville at East Windsor, 3:30p.m.; Ellington at Stafford, 4p.m.; East Granby at Bolton, 4p.m.; Somers at Coventry, 4p.m.; Granby at SMSA, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at East Hampton, 4p.m.; North Branford at Cromwell, 4p.m.; Portland at Old Lyme, 4p.m.  
CTC: Whitney Tech at Wilcox Tech; Windham Tech at Grasso Tech, 4:30p.m.  
CRAL: Parish Hill at University/Classical; Capital Prep at Weaver  
SCC: Fairfield Prep at Xavier, 3p.m.; Law at Hand, 4p.m.; Cheshire at North Haven, 7p.m.; Sheehan at WCA, 7p.m.  
NVL: St. Paul at WCA, 4:45p.m.  
Others: St. Bernard at Old Saybrook; Middletown at Coginchua, 4p.m.; Civic Leadership at Farmington, 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Bristol Central

CCC-East: Manchester at South Windsor  
CCC-West: Farmington at Northwest Catholic  
CCC-Inter: Enfield at Conard; Wethersfield at East Hartford; Plainville at Simsbury, 6p.m.; Hall at Berlin, 7p.m.

NCCC: East Windsor/SMSA at Rockville; Bolton at East Granby, 4p.m.; Coventry at Somers, 4 p.m.; HMTCA at Canton, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: East Hampton at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Coginchua at Old Saybrook, 5:15 p.m.; Cromwell at North Branford, 6p.m.  
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Whitney Tech; Norwich Tech at Cheney Tech  
CRAL: University/Classical at Innovation, 3:30 p.m.; Civic Leadership/Aerospace at MLC, 3:30 p.m.; Capital Prep at Weaver  
SCC: Mercy at Lauralton Hall; Branford at Sheehan; Hand at Foran; Amity at Cheshire, 4:15p.m.  
ECC: East Lyme at Bacon Academy, 4p.m.  
NVL: WCA at St. Paul, 6:30p.m.  
Others: Suffield at East Catholic; Prince Tech at Bloomfield; Ellington at Glastonbury; Windham Tech at Lyman Memorial, 4p.m.; Pomperaug at Granby, 4:15p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Bristol co-op  
CTC: Prince Tech at Norwich Tech/Windham Tech, 4p.m.  
Others: Maloney/Platt at Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North: Avon at Simsbury, 5p.m.  
CCC-Central: RHAM at Windsor, 4p.m.; East Catholic at Berlin, 6p.m.  
CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at E.O. Smith, 5p.m.; Wethersfield at Enfield, 5:15p.m.  
SCC: Sheehan at Lauralton Hall  
Others: St. Paul at Housatonic, 5p.m.; Rockville at Bristol Central, 6:30p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East: East Hartford at Enfield, 5p.m.  
CCC-Inter: Lewis Mills at Simsbury; Bulkeley/SMSA at New Britain, 4p.m.; Glastonbury at Conard, 5p.m.; Southington at Wethersfield, 6 p.m.  
SCC: Hand at Cheshire, 6p.m.  
Others: NFA at Farmington, 5:30p.m.; Maloney at Wolcott West, 6:15p.m.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-South: Plainville at Middletown, 3p.m.  
CCC-East: RHAM at Manchester, 3p.m.  
NCCC: Rockville at Granby, 2:45p.m.

Shoreline: Cromwell at Hale-Ray, 2:15p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Others: Manchester at Bacon Academy, 3p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: Wethersfield at Tolland; Berlin at Conard; Manchester at Bristol Central; Plainville at Northwest Catholic; Simsbury at Platt/Maloney  
NCCC: Rockville at Suffield (2)  
Shoreline: Portland at Westbrook; Cromwell at East Hampton; Old Saybrook at Old Lyme, 4p.m.  
CTC: Grasso Tech at Wilcox Tech  
Others: Enfield co-op at Ellington; Cheshire at Southington

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-South: Bristol Central at Maloney  
CCC-East: East Hartford at E.O. Smith, 5p.m.  
CCC-West: Conard at Simsbury, 5p.m.  
CCC-Inter: Lewis Mills at Rocky Hill; Tolland at Wethersfield; Windsor at Enfield; Berlin at Farmington; Avon at Manchester, 4:15p.m.  
NCCC: Granby at East Granby; Suffield at Rockville (2); Bolton at Canton, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: Cromwell at North Branford, 3:30 p.m.; Portland at Westbrook; Old Lyme at Old Saybrook; Cromwell at North Branford, 6p.m.  
SCC: Lauralton Hall at Hand; Amity at Cheshire; West Haven at Sheehan; Guilford at Mercy

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

SOFTBALL

Little East Tourney—Double Elimination  
CASTLETON VS. EASTERN, LATE  
GNAC Tourney—Double Elimination  
ST. JOSEPH VS. JOHNSON & WALES, LATE

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Big East Tourney—Semifinal  
UConn at DENVER, LATE

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

UMass Boston at Eastern (2), noon  
Hartford at Albany, 3p.m.  
Wagner at Central, 3p.m.

Quinnipiac at St. Peter's, 3p.m.  
Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, 3p.m.  
Monmouth at Fairfield, 3p.m.  
Creighton at UConn, 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

Maine at Hartford, 3p.m.  
Villanova at UConn, 6p.m.  
NESCAC Tourney—Quarterfinal (Medford, Mass.)  
Wesleyan vs. Tufts, 2:30p.m.  
Little East Tourney—Double Elimination  
Eastern vs. TBD, 1or 3:30p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Ivy League Tourney—Semifinal (Providence, R.I.)  
Yale vs. Cornell, 6p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Ivy League Tourney—Semifinal (Princeton, N.J.)  
Cornell vs. Yale, 4p.m.  
MAAC Tourney—Semifinal (Loudonville, N.Y.)  
Fairfield at Siena, noon

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Standings	Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	11-1	.917	37-8	.822	
Creighton	10-2	.833	25-12	.676	
Xavier	6-6	.500	22-23	.489	
Georgetown	7-8	.467	27-19	.587	
Villanova	7-8	.467	17-22-1	.438	
Seton Hall	4-8	.333	15-30	.333	
St. John's	3-8-1	.292	17-27-1	.389	
Butler	2-9-1	.208	18-26-1	.411	

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.) 14, VILLANOVA 9  
GEORGETOWN 7, NAVY 6

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Xavier at Butler, noon  
St. John's at Seton Hall, 4p.m.  
Creighton at UConn, 6p.m.

BIG EAST SOFTBALL

Standings	Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	18-3	.857	34-15	.694	
Villanova	15-5	.750	28-20	.583	
Butler	14-6	.700	29-15	.659	
DePaul	14-7	.667	26-21	.553	

Providence	10-11	.476	24-19	.558
Seton Hall	7-14	.333	18-23	.439
Georgetown	5-14	.263	15-26	.366
St. John's	5-16	.238	12-33	.267
Creighton	5-17	.227	15-27	.357

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT

ST. JOHN'S 4, IONA 0

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Seton Hall at St. John's, 1p.m.  
Butler at Georgetown, 3p.m.  
DePaul at Providence, 5p.m.  
Villanova at UConn, 6p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast Somerset	15	8	.652	—	
Hartford	12	11	.522	3	
Portland	11	11	.500	3.5	
New Hampshire	11	12	.478	4	
Reading	8	14	.364	6.5	
Binghamton	7	15	.318	7.5	
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB	
Richmond	15	8	.652	—	
Erie	13	10	.565	2	
Harrisburg	13	10	.565	2	
Akron	11	12	.478	4	
Bowie	10	12	.455	4.5	
Altoona	10	13	.435	5	

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 3, BINGHAMTON 2 (11)  
BOWIE 10, HARRISBURG 7  
ERIE 12, ALTOONA 5  
NEW HAMPSHIRE 3, SOMERSET 1  
RICHMOND 7, AKRON 3  
READING at PORTLAND, PPD.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

BINGHAMTON at HARTFORD, LATE  
HARRISBURG at BOWIE, LATE  
READING at PORTLAND (2), LATE  
ALTOONA at ERIE, LATE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE at SOMERSET, LATE  
AKRON at RICHMOND, LATE

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Akron at Richmond, 1p.m.  
Reading at Portland, 6p.m.  
Altoona at Erie, 6p.m.  
New Hampshire at Somerset, 6:30p.m.  
Binghamton at Hartford, 7p.m.  
Harrisburg at Bowie, 7p.m.